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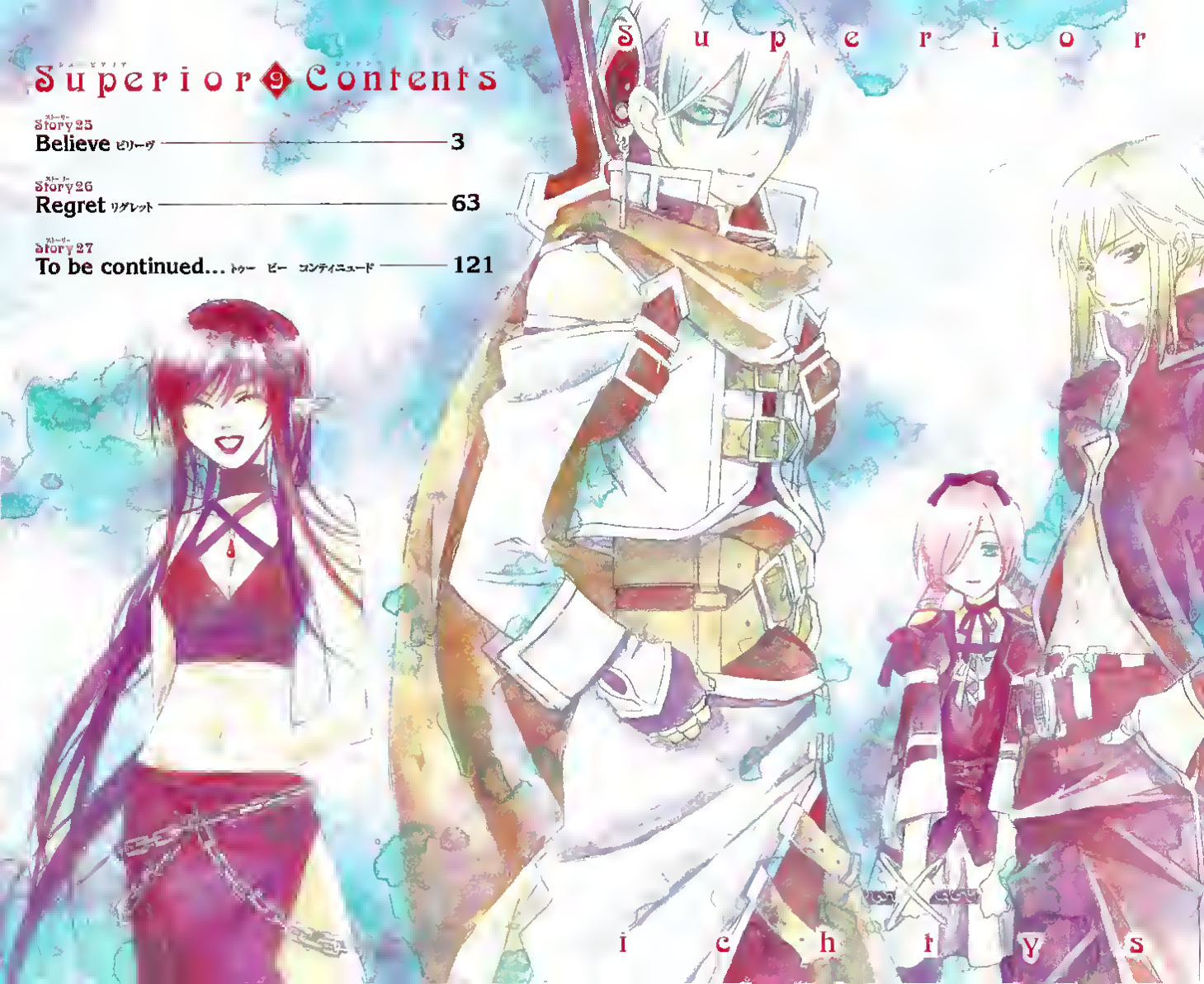

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Story25 Believe

...OW
WHERE AM I..?
AH, YEAH MY BELLY'S BEEN CUT OPEN

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO EXIA?!!

UUUGH
...

I UNWITTINGLY KICKED YOU ON THE SPOT WHERE YOU'VE BEEN SUTURED
HAS THE ANES-THETIC WORN OFF?
I'M NOT REALLY KEEN ON HAVING YOU AWAKE AND RUNNING AMOK AGAIN.
プス
HA!
I'LL GIVE YOU A BIG DOSE FOR THE NEXT SHOT
...WHA.

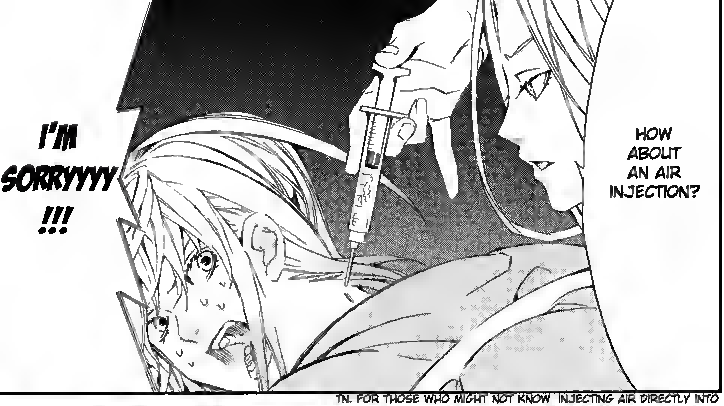
WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON..?!!
NOW WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO TO ME?!!
TWINK
YOU'VE BUMPED EXII OFF, YOU DICK !!
UUH... BUMPED OFF?
GRIN
!

AAAAAAARH!!
...YOU SHALL BE THE NEXT TO GO!!
THAT'S RIGHT... I'VE KILLED THE OTHER ONE IN HIS SLEEP...
AND NOW...
RAAAAAAAAAH...
OOOOOOOH
OOH AH...
.....
UH?
EXA?! YOU'RE ALIVE!!
CARE TO TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE PLAYING AT?
BU... BUT THAT GUY...

I'M RAYNALD ALTMANN PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
AAH, HIM. HE'S A DOCTOR.
HE HAPPENED TO BE WALKING BY HE TOOK CARE OF YOUR BELLY, AS WELL AS MY ARM
OF COURSE THERE'S NOTHING I CAN'T DO.
A DOCTOR?!
THAT MEANS YOUR ARM'S FIXED?!!
THAT INCLUDES EVEN NERVES

I'VE HAD TO REATTACH THEM ONE BY ONE, MAKING SURE NOT TO MIX THEM UP.
ONCE THE BANDAGES CAME OFF, THE LIMB COULD MOVE ABOUT JUST LIKE IT DID BEFORE.
I'M A GENIUS.
I'LL THANK YOU NOT TO LUMP ME IN THE SAME BAG AS THE REST.
THAT'S JUST IMP...
HIS HANDS ARE FIXED.

THANK GOD. REALLY...
.....
DANG IT... BOUNCING AROUND LIKE A CLOWN OUT OF ITS BOX... THAT WAS A REAL CLOSE ONE
I... IF YOU'RE A DOCTOR, WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY SO?
THING IS, YOU LOOK LIKE A COMPLETE LOONY. HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO GUESS YOU WERE A MEDIC?
YOU DIDN'T REALLY GIVE ME THE TIME FOR AN EXPLANATION.
...UH-HUH.



TN: FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT NOT KNOW INJECTING AIR DIRECTLY INTO THE BLOODSTREAM IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND POTENTIALLY LETHAL

I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE KILLING INTENT.
DOES THAT MEAN KILLING INTENT WOULD'VE HELPED ME WIN...?

KILLING...? NO, I HAVE NO USE FOR THAT.
THAT'S RIGHT. IF IT TAKES KILLING INTENT TO WIN...

SO NO MATTER HOW MUCH I STRUGGLE, I'M SIMPLY IN WAY OVER MY HEAD.
KNOWING DEFEAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IS SO TERRIFYING.

I SIMPLY CAN'T WIN ...
NOT AGAINST HIM.

DID I LOSE MY DRIVE TO TAKE DOWN THE DEMON LORD?
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NO. I DO WANT MAOU GONE. I'VE LOST FAITH IN MY ONCE UN-SHAKABLE NO-KILL POLICY.
I CAN'T BE A HERO IN THOSE CONDITIONS.

WHEN DID I BECOME SO WEAK?

RAAAAH! I AIN'T GONNA FORGET THAT SADISTIC DOC AND HIS GODDAMN THREATS ANYTIME SOON.
SINCE MY ENCOUNTER WITH SHEYLA..?!!
IS YOUR HAND HURTING?
EH... NOPE I'M OKAY
I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT THAT HAND OF YOURS
IT'S A RELIEF TO HEAR IT'S HEALED, NOW

NOW YOU CAN BE A HERO AGAIN
UM...
FIRST THINGS FIRST. WE NEED TO DEFEAT THAT MONSTER AND RECLAIM THE TOWN.
WE'RE GONNA NEED PROPER PLANNING, THIS TIME...
HM..? WHAT IS IT ?
AH... NOTHING
.....
I QUIT.
.....
...EH?
ER... YOU MEAN WE MUST TAKE DOWN THAT MONSTER?
OH, WELL... EVEN IF WE DON'T TOUCH HIM, WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THE DEMON LORD IF THE TOWN IS TO BE FREED AND ITS INHABITANTS SAVED... THAT'S IT..?
NO.
HUH?

I'M QUITTING BEING A HERO.
HUH..?
I NO LONGER HAVE THE SELF-CONFIDENCE IT TAKES FOR THAT.
WINNING WITHOUT TAKING A LIFE .. IT'S A MIRACLE I'VE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THAT UP FOR SO LONG.

NO. THERE'S NO MIRACLE. I SIMPLY DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF A BURDEN I'VE BEEN FOR THOSE AROUND ME.
TAKING MY FRIENDS' KINDNESS FOR GRANTED
I APOLOGIZE FOR INVOLVING YOU GUYS FOR SO LONG IN MY SELFISH WHIM OF SPARING MONSTERS' LIVES.
THAT WAS JUST A PIPE DREAM, AFTER ALL
I HAVE NO MORE REASON TO CARRY ON AS A HERO.
HA... HAHA... YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?
YOU'RE JUST A BIT TIRED, NOTHING MORE.
.....
YOU JUST FELT LIKE WHINING A LITTLE, THAT'S IT?
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
.....

I WISH MY HAND HADN'T HEALED.
I AM SERIOUS.
THAT WAY...
I WOULD'VE HAD A READY-MADE EXCUSE AVAILABLE..

WHAT ARE YOU DOI..!?

SHOULD I PUNCH YOU SOME MORE?!!
TAKE ME AS A HERO'S RIGHT-HAND MAN, I'VE LOST COUNT OF HOW MANY TIMES I'VE BEEN IN THE MOOD TO GIVE UP.
DO YOU KNOW WHY I NEVER DID?

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET..?
I HAD NO QUALMS ABOUT HURTING PEOPLE, BACK THEN
YOU WON AGAINST ME WITHOUT EVEN HARMING ME

KILL ME...
WHY?
BECAUSE I LOST
COME ON. SUIT YOURSELF.
.....
I HAVE NO INTENTION TO HARM YOU EITHER.
I MEAN TO TAKE DOWN THE DEMON LORD, WITHOUT TAKING MONSTERS' LIVES
PAH! ARE YOU STUPID?! THAT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE

I'LL MAKE IT POSSIBLE
MAYBE IT DOESN'T MEAN MUCH TO YOU
BUT TO SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO SO FAR NEVER KNEW BETTER THAN TO HURT OTHERS, IT CAME AS A REAL SHOCK

I'VE BEEN PUTTING MY TRUST IN THOSE WORDS OF YOURS EVER SINCE...
...AND THAT'S WHAT'S KEPT ME GOING
.....
NOW YOU COME AROUND...
...AND TELL ME IT ALL MEANT NOTHING.
.....
I'M GONNA HOLD YOUR HAND THE WHOLE WAY UNTIL YOU DEFEAT THE DEMON LORD, IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES
!!

I'LL BE YOUR SHIELD, AND I'LL PROTECT YOUR LIFE NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES IT TAKES!
UNTIL THE DEMON LORD IS NO MORE!
YOU ARE THE ONLY HERO..!
I'LL EVER ACKNOW-LEDGE AS SUCH!

DON'T GO WIMPING OUT JUST BECAUSE OF ONE LOST FIGHT!
I'M GONNA HIT YOU UNTIL YOU GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF!
C'MON, GET UP!!
.....
SHUT UP!!
UP, I SAI..!
WHAT ...
I'M TELLING YOU TO GIVE ME A MINUTE.

I'M SORRY.
FORGET EVERY-THING I'VE JUST SAID.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'M SUPPOSED TO DEFEAT MONSTERS WITHOUT KILLING THEM.
RIGHT?
YE... YEAH...

OF COURSE I'M GONNA HAVE SET-BACKS
UNFEASIBLE? ...I'VE BECOME A HERO TO CHANGE THAT KIND OF MENTALITY
I'M THE ONE WHO SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE.
SO FINDING THE WAY TO DO IT IS MY JOB
YE... YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, YOU SNEAKY BASTARD! YOU HAD ME WORRIED, WHAT WITH THAT TALK ABOUT QUITTING!
ALRIGHT HIT ME
...UH?

COME ON
ALRIGHT I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU
OF COURSE NOT!
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OUCH
BACK TO YOUR SENSES?
THANKS TO YOU
DANG IT'S REALLY A TOUGH JOB LOOKING AFTER YOU
OKAY, NOW IT'S YOUR TURN
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EH ?
WAIT A MINUTE ...!

I SHOULD USE MY LEFT HAND, THAT'S IT...?
OR ELSE I CAN'T GO ALL-OUT.
WAIT! WAIT! WAIT!
WAAAH!
AH
AH
AREN'T YOU OVER-REACTING? C'MON, ANOTHER PUNCH.
AH, YEAH... EXA PACKS A LOT MORE PUNCH...
>EVEN WITH HIS LEFT HAND...<
HUH ?!
DIDN'T YOU HIT ME TWICE?
BU BUT WHEN I DID IT, IT WAS TO RAISE YOUR SPIRITS IT'S NO USE FOR ME
I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT
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GRIN!
.....!?
OW!
LALALA
.....
ENOUGH WITH THE ALCOHOL!!
YOU SADISTIC DOC!
ME, SADISTIC..? THAT'S UNTRUE.
SADISM..!
...IS MY MIDDLE NAME!!
どーん..
MORE ALCOHOL.
MARGH! STOP IT!
..DOCTOR RAYNALD, HOW LONG WILL RECOVERY TAKE FOR LAKSHRI'S BELLY AND MY HAND?
LET'S SEE. THE BELLY SHOULD TAKE 4 WEEKS, AND THE HAND ABOUT 6 WEEKS.
6 WEEKS..! THAT'S WAY TOO MUCH! ISN'T THERE ANY WAY TO MAKE IT QUICKER?!

I'M A HERO.
I'M
.....
WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY?
NOTHING. JUST THINKING YOU'D MAKE A GOOD RESEARCH SUBJECT.
EUSBY
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
A RARE SIGHT INDEED.
HASTY
AH-HAH THE ONE WHO DOESN'T KILL?
I JUST WANT TO DEFEAT IT AND RECLAIM THE TOWN.
I FOUGHT A MONSTER WHO'S BEEN ATTACKING A TOWN, AND THAT'S HOW I ENDED UP THE WAY YOU FOUND ME.
AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE MONSTERS TOO.
FOR THE FRIENDS WHO BELIEVE IN ME.
FOR THE SAKE OF ITS INHABI-TANTS.

I WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD BY BRINGING DOWN THE DEMON LORD WITHOUT TAKING MONSTERS' LIVES.
.....
SIX WEEKS IS TOO MUCH TIME CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING TO MAKE ME HEAL FASTER?
REALLY?! HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?
YES, I THINK I CAN DO THAT
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ONE DAY.
ONE DAY IS TOO QUICK I WANNA SEE PEOPLE SUFFER, WHICH IS WHY I USUALLY DON'T GO AROUND USING THAT METHOD...
THAT'S CRAZY FAST!
DEFEATING MONSTERS WITHOUT KILLING THEM MUST BE ONE PAINFUL WAY OF LIFE. WATCHING THAT INSTEAD SHOULD BE QUITE ENJOYABLE.
.....
OH, WELL.
.....

WE HAVE QUITE A FEW THINGS IN COMMON, DON'T YOU THINK?
I CAME HERE TO SAVE PEOPLE, BUT IF MONSTERS GET HURT AND COME TO ME FOR HELP, I'LL RESCUE THEM ALL THE SAME.
I DON'T CARE IF MY PATIENTS ARE HUMAN OR MONSTERS
.....
EVEN MONSTERS...

THERE'S A MICROBE IN THERE THAT CAN REATTACH NERVOUS CONNECTIONS
IT DOESN'T EXIST IN NATURE. I'M THE ONE WHO CREATED IT
EAT IT, AND YOU'LL BE PATCHED UP IN ONE DAY
ONE DAY AWESOME DOCTOR IS AWESOME
SO WHAT OF IT?
HE CAN'T POSSIBLY BE
...THE MAN WILLIAM-SENSEI'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT. .
DOCTOR RAYNALD

DID YOU EVER GIVE A JEWEL TO A YOUNG MAN NAMED WILLIAM?
A PENDANT WITH A MOON-LIKE MOTIF...
HE FELL OFF A CLIFF LONG AGO HIS ENTIRE BODY WAS CRUSHED, HIS INNARDS DESTROYED DAMAGED BEYOND REDEMPTION
!
A CERTAIN DOCTOR WAS ABLE TO SAVE HIS LIFE
WELL... YOU WOULD'VE BEEN VERY YOUNG AT THE TIME, THOUGH
.....
I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN MY PATIENTS YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO REMEMBER ALL THE HEALTHY PEOPLE I'VE EVER MET.
I DON'T HAND OUT GIFTS TO COMPLETE STRANGERS JUST TO MAKE THEM HAPPY YOU'RE PROBABLY MISTAKEN

PUFF
DAMAGED BEYOND REDEMPTION, EH ? ...WELL, I'M NOT THE ONLY GENIUS IN THE ENTIRE WORLD.
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT...
AH
I DON'T MIND, BUT I MUST LET YOU KNOW SOMETHING FIRST
CAN I SWALLOW THIS?
YOU'RE GOING TO ABSORB A FOREIGN SUBSTANCE THAT WILL PATCH YOU UP WILLY-NILLY. YOUR BODY'S GONNA REJECT IT, AND YOU'LL SPEND THE NIGHT IN UNRELENTING PAIN. SO MUCH SO THAT YOU'LL WISH YOU COULD DIE INSTEAD.
ARE YOU STILL WILLING TO DO IT?

OH..!
GULP
.....
PWAH
OH... WHAT-EVER!!
GOOD JOB
CLAP
CLAP
JUST DON'T REGRET IT.
GASP..!
URGH!

AAAARH!
AUUUGH!
HAA
I FEEL LIKE SOMEBODY'S TWISTING A RED-HOT IRON POKER INSIDE MY BELLY...
DEATH WOULD REALLY BE A BETTER OPTION...

ARE YOU QUITTING..?
OH, NO I'M NOT.
THAT'S WHAT FIGHTING IS ALL ABOUT, ANYWAY.
I SEE
PANT
PANT
PANT
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT ON YOUR OWN. EVEN IF YOU'RE AFRAID
YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

YOU HAVE FRIENDS, DO YOU NOT? SO LET'S DEAL WITH THE PAIN TOGETHER.
AYAYAYE
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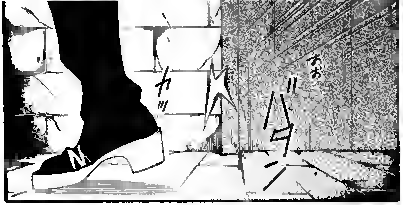
TRUE...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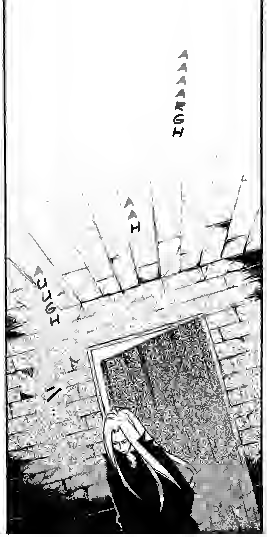
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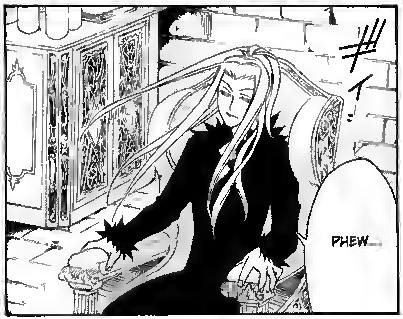
AAH
UUGH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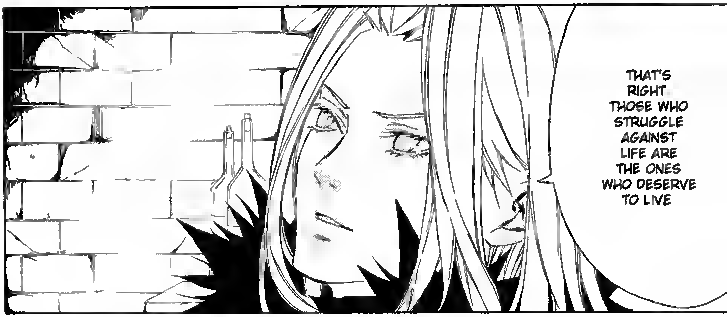
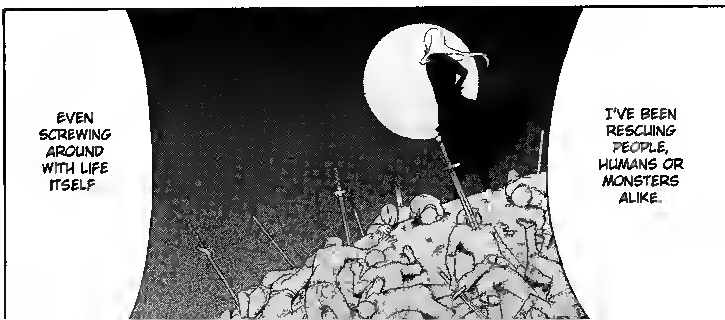

THAT'S RIGHT THOSE WHO STRUGGLE AGAINST LIFE ARE THE ONES WHO DESERVE TO LIVE


I'VE BEEN RESCUING PEOPLE, HUMANS OR MONSTERS ALIKE.
EVEN SCREWING AROUND WITH LIFE ITSELF

ALL THOSE YEARS DIDN'T GO WITHOUT SOME INTER-ROGATION
HUMANS AND MONSTERS SHARE THE SAME FEELINGS
SO WHY CAN'T THEY GET ALONG?
THE CONFLICT'S BEEN GOING ON FOREVER
I'M WONDERING IF THOSE TWO CAN PUT AN END TO IT.

FIND THE ANSWER.
AND SHOW IT TO ME.
MH... WHEN DID I... FALL ASLEEP?
I'M NOT I'M NOT HURTING
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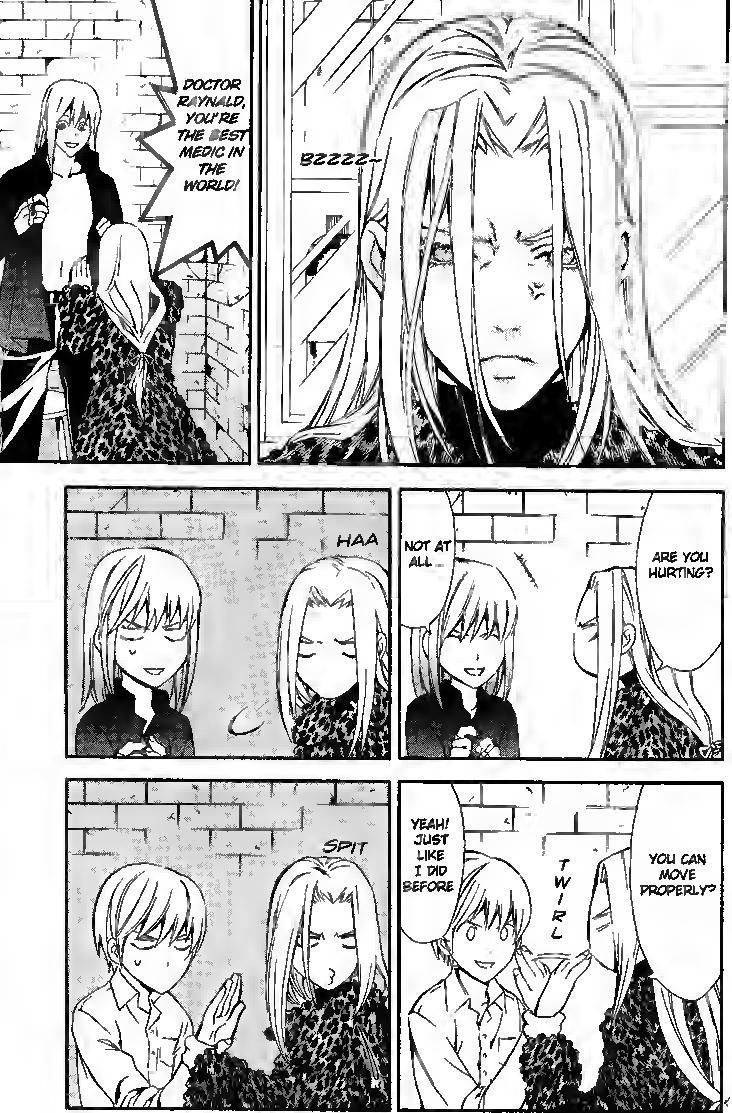
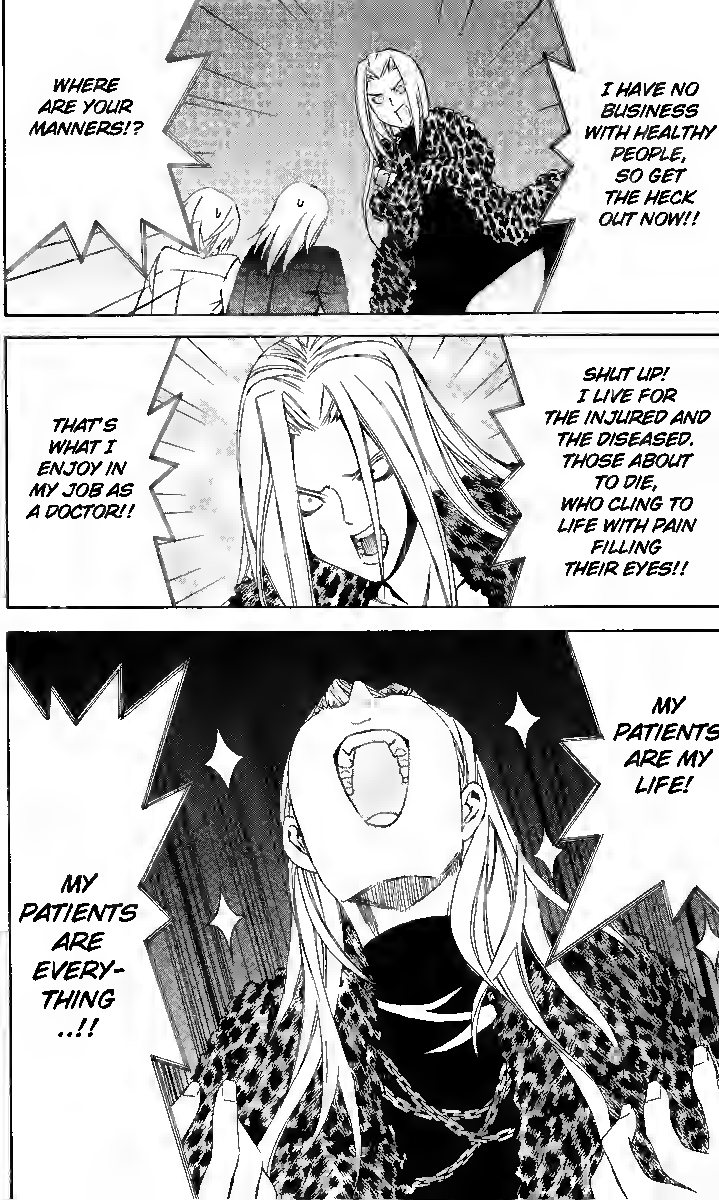
EXA! EXA!
THAT'S AWESOME... THERE AREN'T EVEN ANY SCARS LEFT..!!
IT'S JUST LIKE IT WAS BEFORE!
THAT'S NO WAY TO WAKE SOMEONE UP!
...HM?
SO..?

GREAT
AHEM.
THAT'S JUST GREAAAT !!!
IT'S COMPLETELY HEALED
STARTLE
DUH


DOCTOR RAYNALD, YOU'RE THE BEST MEDIC IN THE WORLD!
BZZZZ~
HAA
NOT AT ALL
ARE YOU HURTING?
SPIT
YEAH! JUST LIKE I DID BEFORE
TWIRL
YOU CAN MOVE PROPERLY?


WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS!?
I HAVE NO BUSINESS WITH HEALTHY PEOPLE, SO GET THE HECK OUT NOW!!
THAT'S WHAT I ENJOY IN MY JOB AS A DOCTOR!!
SHUT UP! I LIVE FOR THE INJURED AND THE DISEASED. THOSE ABOUT TO DIE, WHO CLING TO LIFE WITH PAIN FILLING THEIR EYES!!
MY PATIENTS ARE MY LIFE!
MY PATIENTS ARE EVERY-THING ..!!

MY ULTIMATE SADISM GAVE BIRTH TO THE ULTIMATE SKILL..!!
JUST BREATHING THE SAME AIR AS WHOLESOME INDIVIDUALS MAKES ME SICK. GET OUT IMMEDIATELY.
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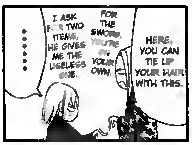
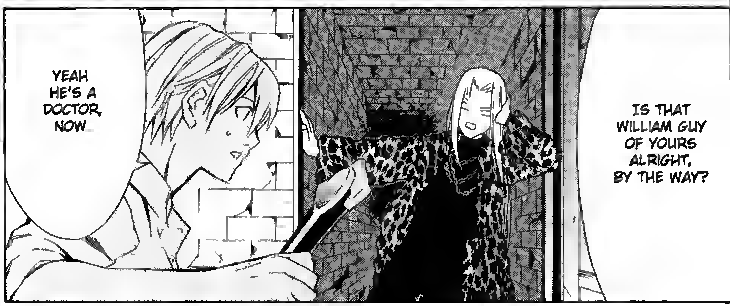
WHA... WHAT THE... AH... MY SWORD.
UH..?
THIS IS AN UNDERGROUND WATERWAY IF THAT'S WHERE DOCTOR RAYNALD LIVES, NO WONDER HE WAS ABLE TO FIND US IN SUCH A TIMELY FASHION...

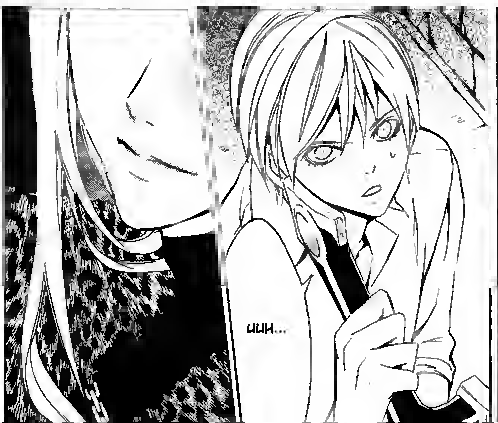
CLANG

TAKE THAT.


I ASK IF I'VE TWO ITEMS, HE GIVES ME THE USELESS ONE.
FOR THE SMOKING YOU'RE DOING YOURSELF.
HERE. YOU CAN TIE UP YOUR HAIR WITH THIS.

AH YEAH, CAN'T YOU LEND ME A SWORD?
OH! SOMETHING TO TIE UP MY HAIR!


YEAH HE'S A DOCTOR, NOW.
IS THAT WILLIAM GUY OF YOURS ALRIGHT, BY THE WAY?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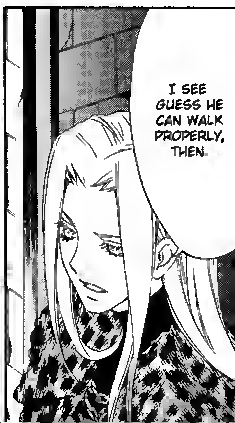
I SEE GUESS HE CAN WALK PROPERLY, THEN.

AH...
YEAH. HE'S IN GOOD HEALTH, THEN.
HOW DOES HE KNOW ABOUT WILLIAM'S LEG?
HE ISN'T THE ONE WHO PATCHED WILLIAM UP. YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT...
WHAT IS THAT THING?
NOW LET'S GO KICK SOME MONSTER BUTT...
...OR MAYBE WE CAN'T.

YES WE CAN. AND WITHOUT KILLING IT

I'LL DEFEAT THAT MONSTER'S BODY AND SOUL, AND WITHOUT KILLING IT.

I HAVEN'T LOST JUST YET, THOUGH.
EVEN IF YOU FAIL, YOU WON'T LOSE AS LONG AS YOU DON'T GIVE UP AND YOU KEEP GOING.
SO I HAVEN'T BEEN BEATEN YET.
HEEHEE. I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU.
I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL IF YOU ASK ■■ TO.

HEY
YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT DEFEATING MONSTERS WITHOUT KILLING THEM?

YOU GONNA NEED SOMEBODY BY YOUR SIDE, RIGHT? WHY DON'T YOU HIRE ME?
I AM.
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YOU WANNA FOLLOW ME?
IF THE SHOW'S AWESOME ENOUGH TO WARRANT IT, I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL...

I'D PRETTY MUCH FORGOTTEN.
NOW...
I GUESS HE'S GONNA BE MAD AT ME FOR BEING LATE...
EXAMINING THAT GUY IS THE REASON WHY I CAME IN THE WATERWAY IN THE FIRST PLACE.
AAH DOCTOR.
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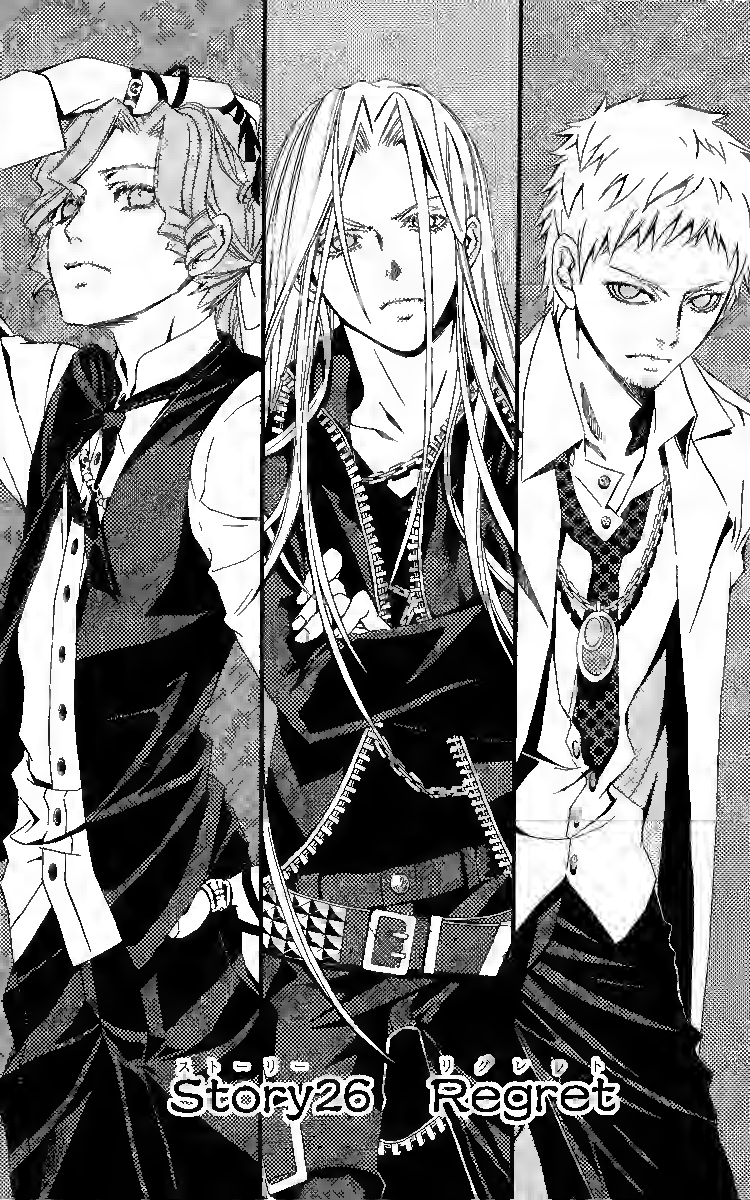
YO. NO PROBLEM, I HOPE.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE...



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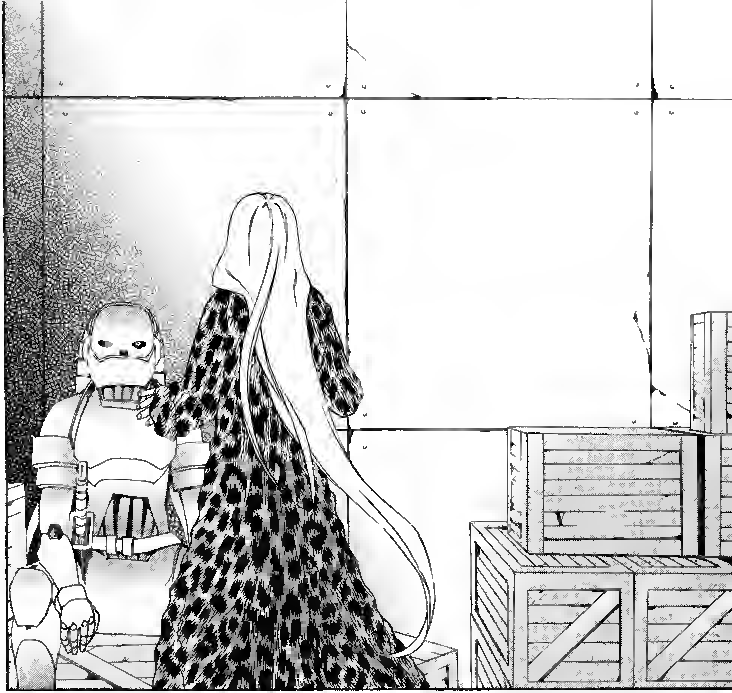

SENSEI... AM I STILL ALIVE?
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YEAH...
HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAVE?
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YOU NEED NOT SPARE ME, SENSEI.
SPEAK.

ONE YEAR.
MORE THAN ENOUGH.
IN 2 YEARS I'VE BEEN ABLE TO KILL HERMAN WITH MY VERY HANDS, AND PRESERVE THE TOWNSPEOPLE'S LIVES BY DRIVING THEM OUT OF THE CITY.
GATHER ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF JULIE'S OPERATION.

NOW I NEED ONLY LEAVE HER BETWEEN WILLIAM'S HANDS, AND SHE'LL RECOVER FOR SURE.
EVERYTHING IS DONE AND I HAVE NO REGRETS. I AM GRATEFUL.
.....
ARE YOU... ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?
.....
LIMITATIONS ARE SOMETHING I HOLD IN CONTEMPT... THAT'S WHY I'M SO KEEN ON BEING A DOCTOR.
I'VE SAVED LIVES THAT WERE DEEMED BEYOND REDEMPTION.
I'VE GONE THROUGH GREAT PAINS TO SAVE YOUR LIFE YOU SHOULD HOLD IT IN HIGHER REGARD, WHY DON'T YOU?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I'M SAYING YOU'D DO WELL TO STRIVE A BIT MORE FOR HAPPINESS.
SENSEI! TO GAIN SOMETHING, YOU MUST SACRIFICE ANOTHER...
I'VE DECIDED TO SACRIFICE EVERYTHING SO JULIE'S EYES WOULD HEAL.

I MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL
THE DAY WHEN I WAS STRIPPED OF MY HUMANITY
HEY BY THE LOOKS OF THINGS THAT GUY'S HERMAN, THE NEW LORD OF THIS TOWN.
VALENTIN.
VALENTIN.

HEH... I'M WONDERING IF HE'S GONNA BE A GOOD RULER. EH, WILLIAM?
.....
UHMM... HAVEN'T HEARD MANY GOOD RUMORS ABOUT HIM.
THIS TOWN IS SPLENDID
NO OTHER TOWN CAN SURPASS IT IN BEAUTY... I DON'T THINK THE TOWNSPEOPLE EXIST WHO CAN PRIDE THEMSELVES ON THEIR TOWN AS THOSE IN THIS TOWN DO. I WANT JULIE TO SHARE SOME OF THAT PRIDE

WE COULD WITHOUT THE ★
HE WON'T GET AWAY? AND WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?
THAT'S WHY, IF THAT HERMAN FELLOW BRINGS DESTRUCTION UPON IT, HE WON'T GET AWAY.
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AHA. TIME TO GO TO WORK.
AHAHA ★
OH, WELL. I GUESS IT'S A LOST BATTLE.
WHERE DOES YOUR JOB TAKE YOU TODAY?
I'M HELPING THE FLOUR DEALER TRANSPORTING HIS BAGS.
I NEED TO GATHER THE MONEY BEFORE SHE LOSES HER EYESIGHT COMPLETELY...
WITH OUR PARENTS GONE, I'M THE ONLY CARETAKER SHE HAS LEFT.
JULIE'S EYE CONDITION IS WORSENING EVERY DAY, NOT GETTING BETTER.
HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU PLAN ON WORKING? IT'S A GOOD THING TO CARE FOR YOUR YOUNGER SISTER, BUT YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST, EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.
I SEE...

I'LL COLLECT THE MONEY FOR HER SURGERY WITHOUT FAIL
THEN, YOU CAN HEAL JULIE'S EYES. I PROMISE
IF YOU DIE, HOWEVER... YOU'LL LOSE EVERYTHING
IF I DO DIE, WILL YOU SHED A TEAR FOR ME?
HUUH ?
IF I PASS AWAY, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF JULIE FOR ME
WHAT ARE YOU
JUST JOKING DON'T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY
THAT'S RIGHT.
YEAH PAINS IN THE BUM LIKE YOU ARE TOO ANNOYING FOR DEATH TO TAKE THEM.
AHAHAHA~

IF... IF YOU DO PASS AWAY, I WILL MOURN YOUR DEATH...
I'LL CRY A RIVER. MORE THAN ANY MAN WOULD ALLOW HIMSELF TO

SO DON'T GO SHORTENING YOUR LIFE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE, LEST YOU END UP EMBARRASSING ME
GOT IT!
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PHEW...

RIGHT!!
VALENTIN! QUIT DAWDLING!! OR WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP GOING UNTIL IT GETS DARK!!
JULIE...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ?
AAH
DOI!!

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO MIND YOUR STEP?
HEY, BRO-THER.
HM?
...LET'S PLAY.
.....
HOW ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS?
EEK
.....
I LIKE YOU BETTER!
CLING
GRIN
THAT WON'T DO
.....
JULIE

VALENTIN!! QUIT TWIDDLING YOUR THUMBS ALREADY!!
OKAY!
LISTEN, JULIE. BIG BROTHER'S BUSY.
YOU WON'T MAKE FRIENDS IF YOU JUST LIE IN WAIT AND DON'T GO SPEAK TO OTHERS.
BUT...
IT'S OKAY. JUST PLUCK UP SOME COURAGE AND TRY TO START THE CONVER-SATION.
ER, UM...

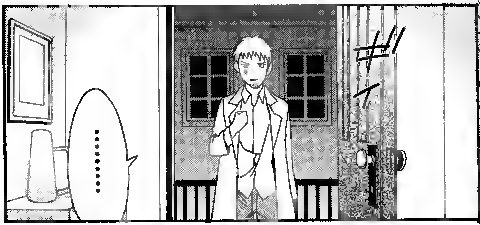
LE...
LET'S
PLAY...
GRAB
OKAY...

ELENA. JULIE HAS AN EYE PROBLEM AND SHE CAN'T SEE PROPERLY. SO BE CAREFUL.
GOOD I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
JULIE WHEN YOUR EYES ARE HEALED, I'LL PLAY WITH YOU AS LONG AS YOU WANT SO BE PATIENT UNTIL THEN, OKAY?
NOD
GRAB

NOD
FINE. GOOD GIRL. TODAY, I'LL READ A PICTURE BOOK WITH YOU.
NOD NOD
VALENTIN AIN'T COMING BACK AT ALL. WHAT THE HECK IS HE DOING?
HEEY! VALE...

ALRII-IGHT! TIME TO WOORK !!
WAH!
UH? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AH... AAAH. NAH, NOTHING...
A TAX ON WATER... WHY?

VALENTIN! HEY! VALENTI...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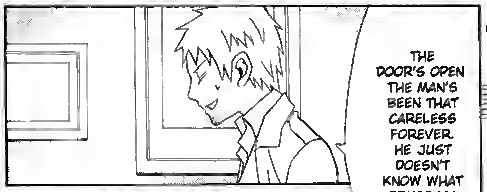
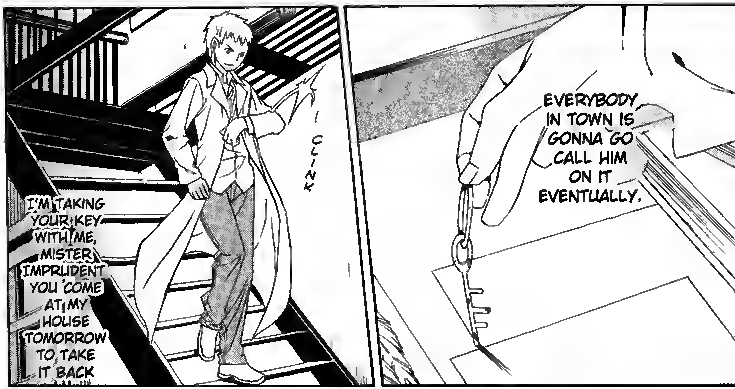
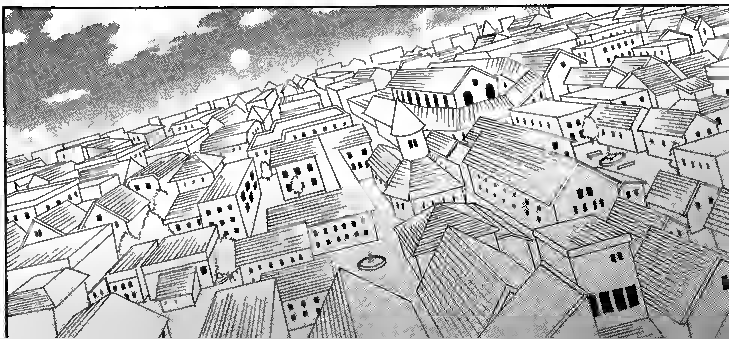

THE DOOR'S OPEN THE MAN'S BEEN THAT CARELESS FOREVER. HE JUST DOESN'T KNOW WHAT PRUDENCE IS...

WHAT IF ALL THAT HARD-EARNED MONEY WAS STOLEN...

I GUESS IT WOULDN'T DO TO JUST WAKE HIM UP—

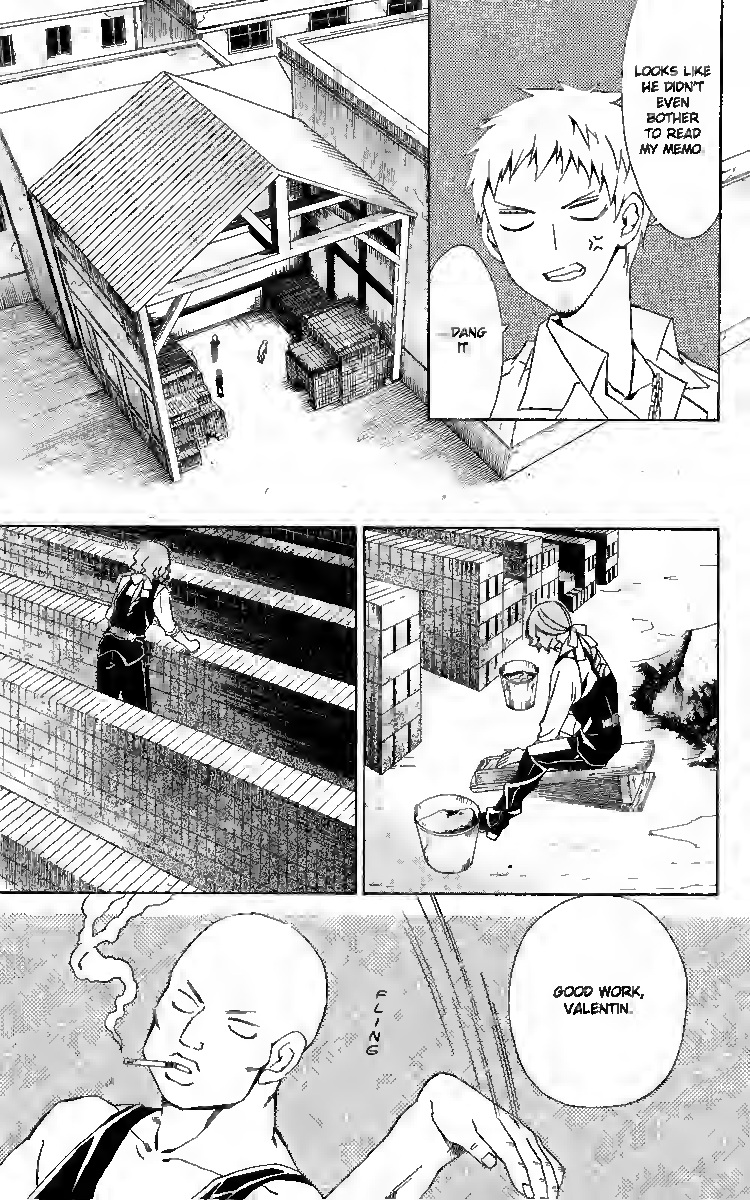
THAT SHOULDN'T BE TOO MUCH OF A PROBLEM IN YOUR LINE OF WORK, BUT YOU SHOULD PROBABLY MAKE SURE TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE.
LET'S MAKE IT A MEMO. THE NEW LORD HAS PUT A HEAVY TAX ON WATER, IT SEEMS.


I'M TAKING YOUR KEY WITH ME, MISTER. IMPRUDENT YOU COME AT MY HOUSE TOMORROW TO TAKE IT BACK
CLINK
EVERYBODY IN TOWN IS GONNA GO CALL HIM ON IT EVENTUALLY.



AAAAAAAH!
I'VE OVER-SLEEEPT !!
THE OLD GUY FROM THE BRICK STORE IS GONNA KILL ME!
NOD
SORRY JULIE, YOU GO EAT AT WILLIAM'S PLACE
JULIE. WHEN YOU ASK FOR FOOD, YOU NEED TO LOOK PROPERLY PATHETIC
COME ON, GIVE IT A TRY.
GOOD.
YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT ACTRESS!
UH? WHERE IS MY KEY?
I CAN'T GO OUT AND LEAVE THE HOUSE OPEN THAT'S DANGEROUS.
FLAP
GUESS I WON'T HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO DO IT "THAT" WAY...

I HAVE IT. HERE IT IS.
SLIIIP
NOTHING SEE, I JUST LOST MY KEY
STEP
UH? HOW COME?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?!!
.....
AND JULIE NEEDS SOMETHING TO EAT
HOP
NEVERMIND CLOSE THE DOOR FOR ME, PLEASE
HEY! DON'T TREAT ME LIKE I'M YOUR WIFE!
>AND DON'T PUT THOSE WEIRD IDEAS INTO JULIE'S MIND!!<
SEEEE YAAAAA !!


LOOKS LIKE HE DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO READ MY MEMO.
DANG IT
GOOD WORK, VALENTIN.
CLING

THIS TIME, I ADDED A LITTLE EXTRA.
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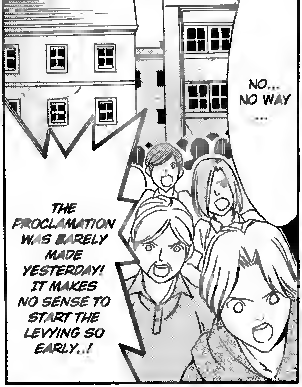
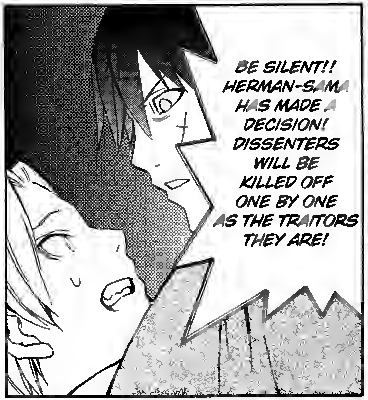
THANK YOU, SIR! I LOVE YOU!!
MUMPH~
NOW THAT'S CREEPY THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'D BE DOING THAT FOR YOU. IT'S ALL FOR LITTLE JULIE.
AH YEAH. YOU'RE NOT A CAREFUL GUY, SO LET ME TELL YOU THIS: MAKE SURE TO PUT YOUR CASH OUT OF VIEW.
LOOKS LIKE THE NEW LORD HAS PUT A TAX ON WATER. CAREFUL, OR THEY'LL MAKE OFF WITH THE WHOLE LOT.

HE'S ALREADY GONE...
THAT WAS FAST...
HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD "CALM"
INDEED


NO... NO WAY ...
THE PROCLAMATION WAS BARELY MADE YESTERDAY! IT MAKES NO SENSE TO START THE LEVYING SO EARLY..!

NOW, WE'RE GOING TO COLLECT THE TAX MONEY!!


BE SILENT!! HERMAN-SAMA HAS MADE A DECISION! DISSENTERS WILL BE KILLED OFF ONE BY ONE AS THE TRAITORS THEY ARE!

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AH!
WHAT'S THIS -?
I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT VIOLENCE IS BAD
MANGY CUR...
NO... WAI..!
YOU'VE JUST ESCAPED DEATH BY A HAIR'S BREADTH
AH...
AH HEY
YOU CAME TO BE THE FIRST IN LINE AMONG THE TAX PAYERS, I SEE I COMMEND YOU ON YOUR DEDICATION
LEAVE HIM BE
YES SIR.
THAT MONEY'S FOR JULIE'S...
AAAARGH !!
WAAAAH !!!

WHAT'S ..
.. GOING ON ..?

WAI...WAIT A MINUTE!! THAT'S AN ENTIRE MONTH OF MY SALARY!
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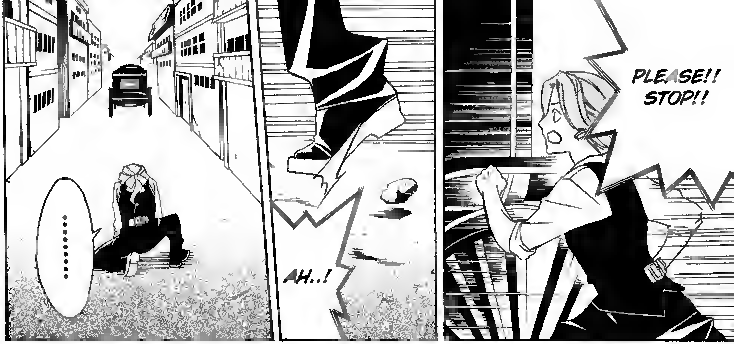
YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE IT ALL FROM ME!! GIVE IT BACK!!


PLEASE!! STOP!!
AH..!
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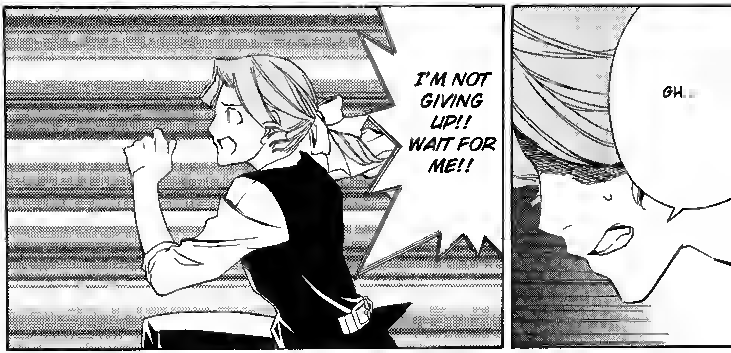
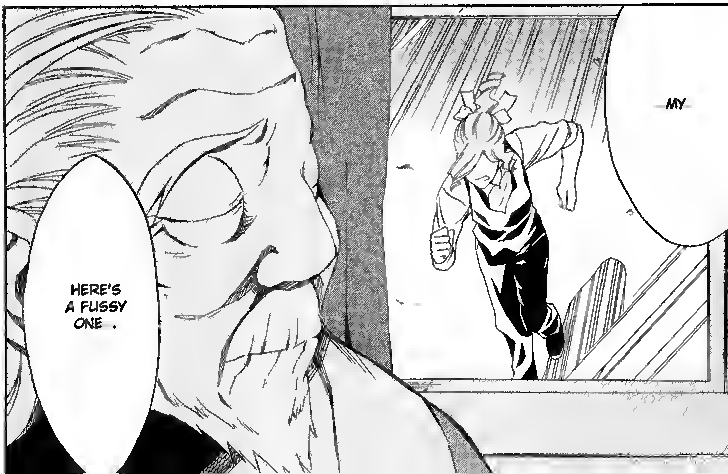

I'M NOT GIVING UP!! WAIT FOR ME!!
GH..


MY..
HERE'S A FUSSY ONE .

ENTER THE ALLEY.
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WHY DO THEY TAKE SUCH A NARROW PATH..?!
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I'VE LOST THEM...
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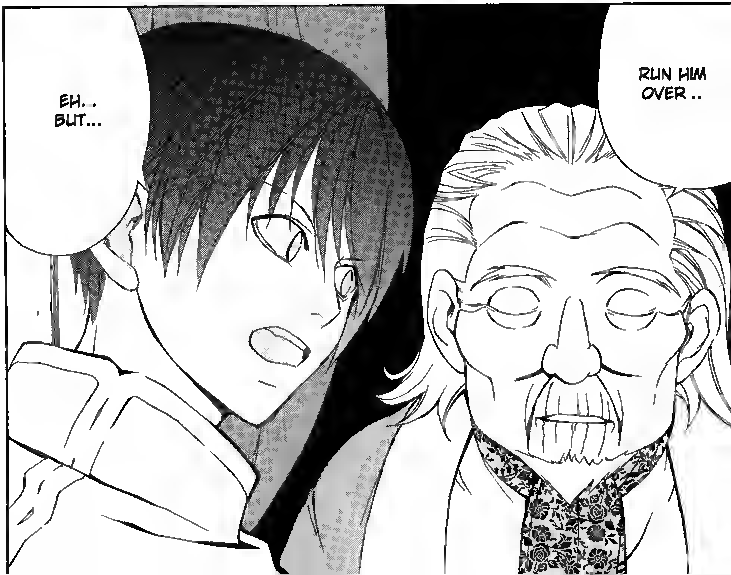
WHERE DID THEY GO..?!!
DAMN IT..!


EH.. BUT...
RUN HIM OVER..

RUN HIM OVER.
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YES SIR.
UH..?! IT CAN'T BE...

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AM I... DYING..?
NO NEED TO CALL FOR DOCTOR WILLIAM
THERE'S NO SAVING HIM NOW
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I DON'T WANNA DIE!!
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NO I CAN'T ....!!

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MY BLOOD IS FLOWING OUT BY THE GALLONS.
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I COME TO TOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG WHILE, AND LOOK AT WHAT I FIND .
A FEW MORE MINUTES AND HIS HEART AND LUNGS WILL STOP FUNCTIONING COMPLETELY...
A NORMAL DOCTOR WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE IN A MILLION TO SAVE HIM.
BUT AS LONG AS HE LIVES, I CAN MANAGE SOMETHING.
ANYWAY, LET'S HURRY...

JULIE! I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME!!
BRO... BRO-THER...
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DAMN IT... WE'RE TOO LATE..!
?
!
IS THAT... MY BROTHER .
NO... THERE'S NOTHING BUT BLOOD. I'M WONDERING WHERE THE BODY COULD POSSIBLY BE...

HE'S WELL BEYOND SAVING REGARDLESS...

...OR RATHER STRAY DOGS...
MAYBE SOMEONE TOOK IT AWAY.

BROTHER... DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D PLAY WITH ME ONCE MY EYES WERE HEALED...?

I'LL COLLECT THE MONEY FOR HER SURGERY WITHOUT FAIL. THEN YOU CAN HEAL JULIE'S EYES. I PROMISE.

FUCK IT..!! YOU SHOULD BE BUSY COLLECTING MONEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT?!! VALENTIN!!
IF I PASS AWAY, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF JULIE FOR ME
DON'T YOU DIE! YOU CAN'T JUST DROP DEAD HERE..!!
IF I DO DIE, WILL YOU SHED A TEAR FOR ME?

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU I'D BE CRYING A RIVER...
BLOODY IDIOT..!

WHO ARE YOU? THE DEVIL...NO. AN ANGEL OF DEATH?
YAY...
I DON'T WANNA DIE. NOT NOW, I CAN'T...
DEATH... NO...
AAH... I'M DYING?
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE WELL ON YOUR WAY TO THE OTHER SIDE...
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE, YOU KNOW...

I'M BEGGING YOU!!
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE GOD OR THE DEVIL, HELP ME!!
I DON'T CARE!!
GIVEN YOUR BODY'S STATE, LIVING WOULD BE AN ORDEAL, YOU KNOW? REALLY PAINFUL.
THAT'S STILL FINE BY ME..!!
THAT WAS CLOSE. MY HEAD ALMOST— FELL OFF
MAYBE YOU WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO SPEAK AT ALL...
ALRIGHT THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE CONDITION.

WHAT IS IT? IF IT MEANS YOU CAN SAVE ME, I'LL DO ANYTHING !!
SHOW A BIT MORE DELICACY, WILL YOU?
IT'S A STRICT ONE NO DOUBT EVEN HARDER THAN FALLING BETWEEN THE DEVIL'S CLUTCHES
RIGHT
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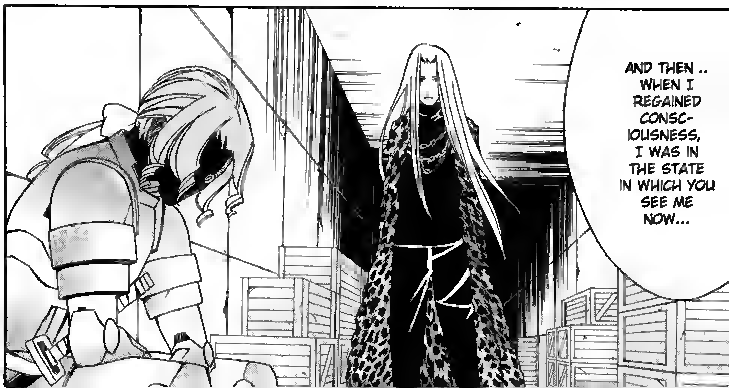
GULP
UNDERSTOOD LET IT BE DONE, THEN.

GRIN
I'LL BE EAGERLY WAITING FOR YOUR RETURN...


AND THEN .. WHEN I REGAINED CONSC-IOUSNESS, I WAS IN THE STATE IN WHICH YOU SEE ME NOW...

IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE FOR YOUR BROKEN BONES AND KEEP THE TUMORS IN CHECK, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE YOU LIKE THIS
YOUR BODY HARDLY LOOKED LIKE IT DID BEFORE ANYWAY.
AND I AM GRATEFUL. MOREOVER, YOU GRANTED ME THE POWER TO KEEP ON FIGHTING, AS A MONSTER.
FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW, IT'S A GOOD THING I ENDED UP THIS WAY, I THINK.
WASN'T THAT TOWN PRECIOUS TO YOU? ARE YOU HAPPY EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROTECT IT?
.....
MY LIFE I VALUE MORE.
AND ARE YOU CONTENT TO SEE NEITHER YOUR FRIENDS NOR YOUR SISTER?
I CAN'T GO SEE THEM THE WAY I AM NOW I AM DEAD TO THEM, AND THAT IS WELL

LOOK... LOOK AT ME!!!
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MY BODY'S TWISTED! I AM DISFIGURED! A LIFE IN THE GUTTER IS PERFECTLY FITTING FOR ME!
AFTER ALL, I SOLD MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL FOR IT!!
I AM NOT THE DEVIL.
NO. NOT YOU.
.....
WHAT OF YOUR SISTER'S EYES? DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE FOR YOURSELF IF SHE'S RECOVERED HER EYESIGHT?
.....!
I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO SHOW HER...
...JUST HOW BEAUTIFUL THAT TOWN IS.

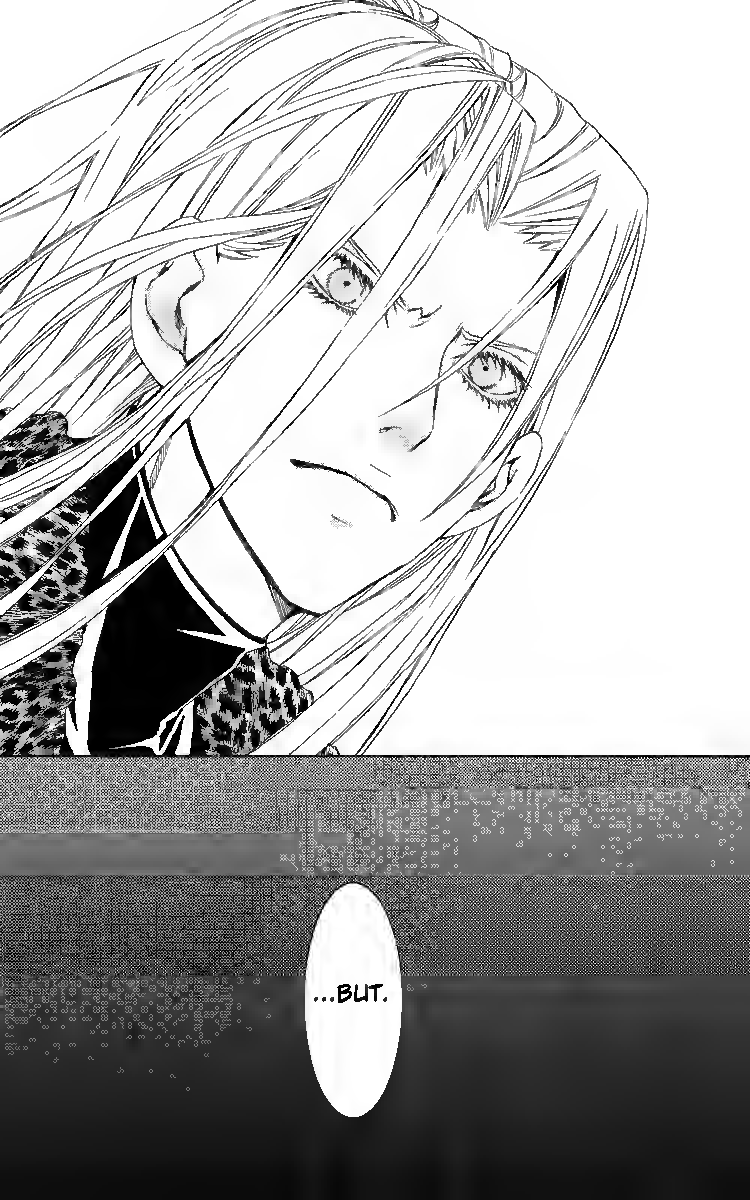
EVER SINCE I OBTAINED THAT BODY, I'VE GATHERED A MOUNTAIN OF MONEY.
TAX MONEY TAKEN FROM HERMAN'S, TAINTED IN THE TOWNS-PEOPLES BLOOD!!
MONEY FROM THE DEAD!
MONEY FROM A RUINED TOWN!
FROM THE SCENES OF CATASTROPHE THAT I'VE PILLAGED!
I HAVE TAKEN LIFE IN ORDER TO EXACT REVENGE!!

AND YOU'RE ASKING ME..!
...IF I DESIRE ANYTHING MORE ..?!!
SENSEI .. IN ORDER TO GAIN SOMETHING, ONE MUST SACRIFICE ANOTHER.
.....

TO SAVE THE TOWNSPEOPLE'S LIVES, I HAD TO SACRIFICE THE TOWN.
I WANT TO RECLAIM THIS TOWN FOR ITS INHABITANTS.
AND ONCE HE'D RECLAIMED THE TOWN, THE HERO WOULD'VE GONE AWAY.
IF I HADN'T GIVEN IT UP TO THE DEMON LORD, SHE WOULD'VE SENT ANOTHER WAVE OF HER FORCES.
WITHOUT A HERO, WHO WOULD HAVE PROTECTED THE TOWN?
IF THE PEOPLE TRY TO PROTECT THE TOWN BY THEMSELVES, THE CASUALTIES WILL BE COUNTLESS
I HAVE BUT ONE YEAR LEFT TO LIVE

...THE PEOPLE MUST GIVE UP ON THE TOWN IF THEY WANT TO LIVE.
THE SAME WAY I ABANDONED EVERYTHING SO JULIE'S EYES WOULD HEAL...
THE LIKES OF HAPPINESS .. ALWAYS COME AT A PRICE.
IN THIS WORLD, YOU CAN GAIN NOTHING WITHOUT LETTING GO OF SOMETHING ELSE FIRST
SHOW HER THE TOWN?
SEE FOR MYSELF IF JULIE'S RECOVERED HER EYE-SIGHT?

OF COURSE...
OF COURSE
I WANT TO...


...BUT.

I MUST GIVE UP ON THOSE THINGS. THERE'S NO OTHER WAY...

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To be continued…

AAH, I FORGOT TO MENTION SOMETHING
I'VE SAVED THE HERO
!?
WHAT?! WHY?!
THE HERO SEEMS TO BE ON HIS WAY TO DEFEAT YOU
FOR THE SAME REASON WHY I HEALED YOU IF A MAN SUFFERS, IT'S MY JOB TO DO SO

TSK
.....
NO MATTER. I WAS PLANNING ON KILLING HIM ANYWAY.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE FIGHT, I'LL STILL COME OUT ON TOP.
THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE THAT YOU DON'T.
THAT IS...

THE WILL TO KILL.
THE MIND IS NEVER STRONGER THAN WHEN IT HARBORS KILLING INTENT.
THIS IS A SPIRIT YOU DO NOT HAVE, AND WITHOUT WHICH YOU CANNOT PREVAIL AGAINST ME.

HERO... THIS TIME, I WILL PUT YOUR LIFE TO AN END, AND PROTECT THE TOWN'S CITIZENS.
LAKSHRI, CARE TO TELL ME WHERE YOU'RE GOING? THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT WAY TO GO IF WE WANNA FIND THAT MONSTER, IS IT?
IT IS. THE DOC GAVE ME THAT PIECE OF PAPER.
THIS DOES SEEM TO MATCH WITH THE MAP HERE?
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THESE ARE... WEAPONS ?!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT DOCTOR? HE LETS ME THINK HE WON'T LET ME HAVE EVEN A TOOTHPICK, AND NOW LOOK AT THIS NO WAY. I WON'T ACKNOWLEDGE ANY MALE TSUNDERE SHEYLA-CHAN IS THE ONLY ONE FOR ME.
TODOM TODOM
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT ?
.....

HM...
WHERE AM I..?
I SEE YOU'RE AWAKE
YOU'RE LOSCH, RIGHT..?
YAAAWN
WHERE'S THE HERO..?
STILL NOT THERE
HE SHOULD HAVE MADE HIS WAY TO THIS CASTLE QUITE SOME TIME AGO, BUT HE HASN'T.

WHEN I WENT OUT OF TOWN, I SAW A HUGE ARMY OF MONSTERS HEADING THIS WAY.
I WANTED TO SEND BACK A MESSAGE, BUT I DIDN'T MAKE IT...
I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT, BUT...
HE'S DEAD..?!
NO, HE JUST CAN'T BE..!!
MY OLDER BROTHER IS OUT THERE TOO. I'M NOT KEEN ON SEEING HIM DIE EITHER.

WELL WELL WELL...
THE TOWN SHOULD BE WELL UNDER CONTROL BY NOW...
HEY...

HAR HAR HAR HAR.
YOU PULLED A FAST ONE OVER US THE LAST TIME.
NOW WE'RE BACK FROM THE DEPTHS OF HELL AND WE'RE COMING FOR YOU.
HAR HAR HAR HAR
HEY! LAKSHR!! THAT'S WAY TOO BAD GUY-ISH! STOP IT.
"WELL, THE CURRENT SITUATION DOES CALL FOR THAT KIND OF TALK!"
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HUMPH
THIS TIME, I WILL END YOUR LIVES
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU
...AND MAKE SURE YOU NEVER COME BACK AGAIN
AS YOU WISH!!
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT, LET'S SEE YOU TRY!!

YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN AT OUR EXPENSE! HOW DO YOU LIKE US NOW?! PEEING YOUR PANTS, ARE YOU?!
NOW YOU CAN'T HACK AWAY AT US!!
HAH HAH HA! WE'VE TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE STAKES AND COVER OURSELVES IN METAL!! YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A HARDER TIME CUTTING US UP NOW!!
HERO
LOOKS LIKE YOU DID.
HE'S LAUGHING AT US AGAIN TO THINK WE DRESSED UP SPECIFICALLY TO DEAL WITH HIM.
DID I SCREW UP SOME-WHERE?
.....
HUMPH
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HAH. COME TO THINK OF IT, LAST TIME HE DID HAVE TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH METAL, BUT HE WAS STILL ABLE TO SNAP IT EASILY!
!!?

THE ARMOR'S WEIGHING ME DOWN. I CAN'T RUN AWAY FAST ENOUGH...
OH, CRAAA-AAP!!!

THANK YOU, EXA!!
YEAH!!
WHERE'S THE DIFFERENCE WITH LAST TIME, NOW?
DID YOU MERELY COME TO ME LIKE SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER?!! YOU FOOLS!!

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WE'LL JUST HAVE TO PARRY FLAWLESSLY, THEN..!!

WE'VE PICKED SOLID SWORDS SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT REASON.
NOW WE HAVE SOME SERIOUS TALKING TO DO, YOU AND I.
WHY DID YOU PAY FOR JULIE'S OPERATION AND WARN THE TOWNSPEOPLE ABOUT THE MONSTER ARMY?
.....
YOU STILL THINK DIALOG IS GOING TO SOLVE ANYTHING...!!
DON'T TAKE ME LIGHTLY!! YOU SNOTTY LITTLE BRATS!!
SHOCKED

UUH..!

TO THE STAIRS!!
LET'S GO UP!!
EXA!! RUN FOR IT!!
THE CEILING'S COLLA-PSING..!!
WHERE'D HE GET THAT CRAZY STRENGTH?!! HE'S LIKE WAY ABOVE OUR LEAGUE..!! HE'S A FREAK OR WHAT?!
O... OKAY..!

NO... IT'S JUST A DIFFERENCE IN MOOD...
HE FEELS LIKE HE CANNOT LOSE TO US, AND THIS IS HOW IT SHOWS.
ALL THE SAME, HOW CAN HIS FEELINGS MAKE THAT MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE?
WE'VE MADE IT TO THE ROOFTOP.
WHERE IS HE?
LOOKS LIKE HE DIDN'T COME AFTER US. I CAN'T SEE HIM AT ALL FROM WHERE I STAND, ANYWAY.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
HM..?
UH?

NO...
NO WAY
..?!!

NOW YOU DIE!!!
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!!?
WHA!!

AND WE SHALL RECLAIM IT OUR-SELVES !!!
わあああああ!!
THIS IS OUR CITY!!
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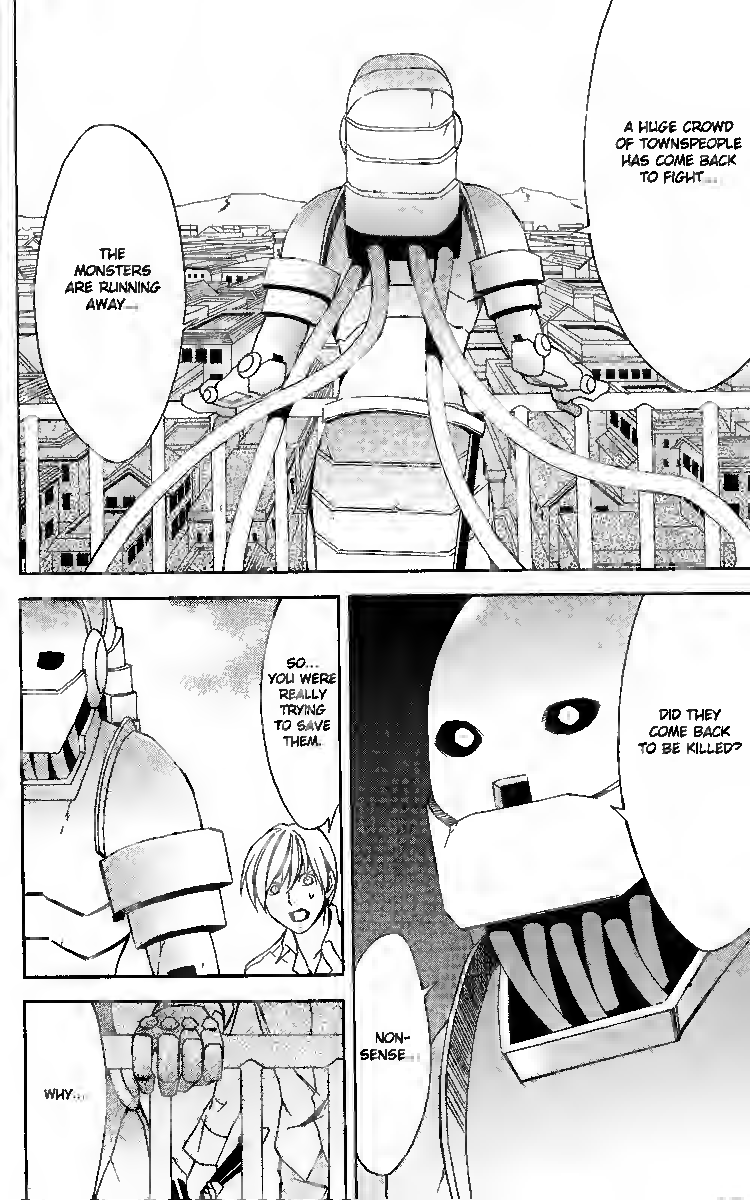
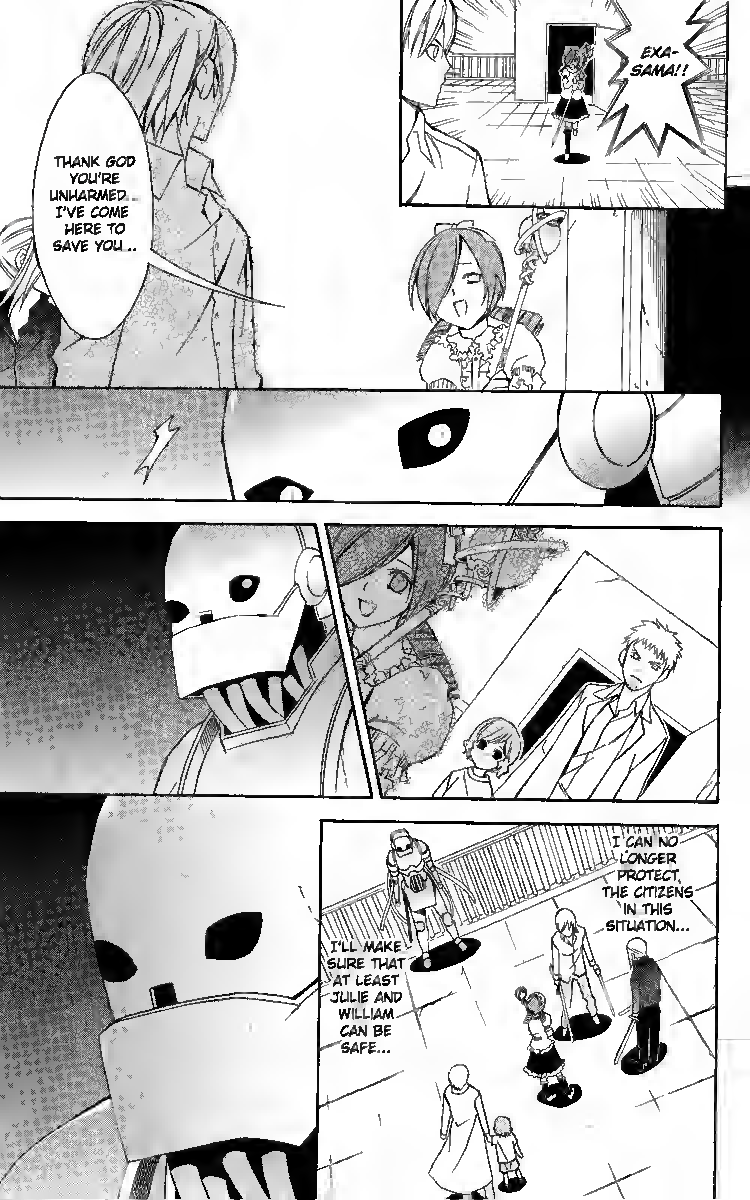
NOW LET'S GO ASSIST THEM. MAKE SURE NOBODY DIES.
NOBODY DID. CERTAINLY THEY ROUSED THEMSELVES AND RAN INTO THE FRAY SPONTANEOUSLY.
THE CITIZENS ARE GETTING INTO THE FIGHT... WHO AUTHORIZED THIS?
WE KNOW THAT!!
NO KILLING! THE PRIORITY IS TO CHASE THEM OUT OF TOWN WITHOUT HARMING THEM MORE THAN NECESSARY!
JULIE. GET AWAY FROM ME...
THIS TOWN IS OURS! IF YOU THINK WE'LL BE CONTENT TO RELY ON THE HERO DESPITE THIS YOU ARE SORELY MISTAKEN!!


A HUGE CROWD OF TOWNSPEOPLE HAS COME BACK TO FIGHT...
THE MONSTERS ARE RUNNING AWAY...
SO... YOU WERE REALLY TRYING TO SAVE THEM.
DID THEY COME BACK TO BE KILLED?
NON-SENSE...!
WHY...


EXA-SAMA!!
THANK GOD YOU'RE UNHARMED... I'VE COME HERE TO SAVE YOU...
I'LL MAKE SURE THAT AT LEAST JULIE AND WILLIAM CAN BE SAFE...
I CAN NO LONGER PROTECT THE CITIZENS IN THIS SITUATION...

HEY! HUMANS!! IF YOU VALUE THE CHILD'S LIFE, YOU WILL LET ME GO!!
COOPERATE AND I'LL DELIVER HER AT A SAFE LOCATION OF MY CHOOSING!
UNTIL THEN... SHE'S MY HOSTAGE
IF I SEE ANYONE MOVING A MUSCLE I'LL TEAR HER HEAD OFF. IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?!

WHAT A HORR-IBLE..!
CRAP ..!!
B... BRO.. BROTHER..?
BRO-THER, IT'S YOU, INSIDE THAT ARMOR!
I'M SURE OF IT! THIS IS MY BRO-THER'S VOICE!
BAF
NO... I'M N...
WHAT?! IS THAT YOU, VALENTIN?!
HE'S SOMEBODY YOU KNOW..?!
NO...!! I'M A MONSTER!!
I'M NOT THAT GUY YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!!

BROTHER!!
WHAT'S WRONG ..?!
NOW... YOU WILL KILL OFF THE CITY'S INHABITANTS ...
THEN WE CAN CLAIM THE TOWN.

FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION.
KAGAMI-SAMA..?!
NO... I CAN'T DO WHAT YOU ASK OF ME...
20%...
30%...
50%...
LOOK. IN A FEW MOMENTS YOUR PERSONALITY WILL BE MINE TO CONTROL...
TILT
75%...
MY...MY BODY'S MOVING ON ITS OWN ACCORD ?!

88%...
99%..!!!
KILL
HER..!!
FIRST,
YOU WILL
KILL
THAT
GIRL...
NO..!!
I DON'T
WANT
TO..!!

STOOOOOOP!!!
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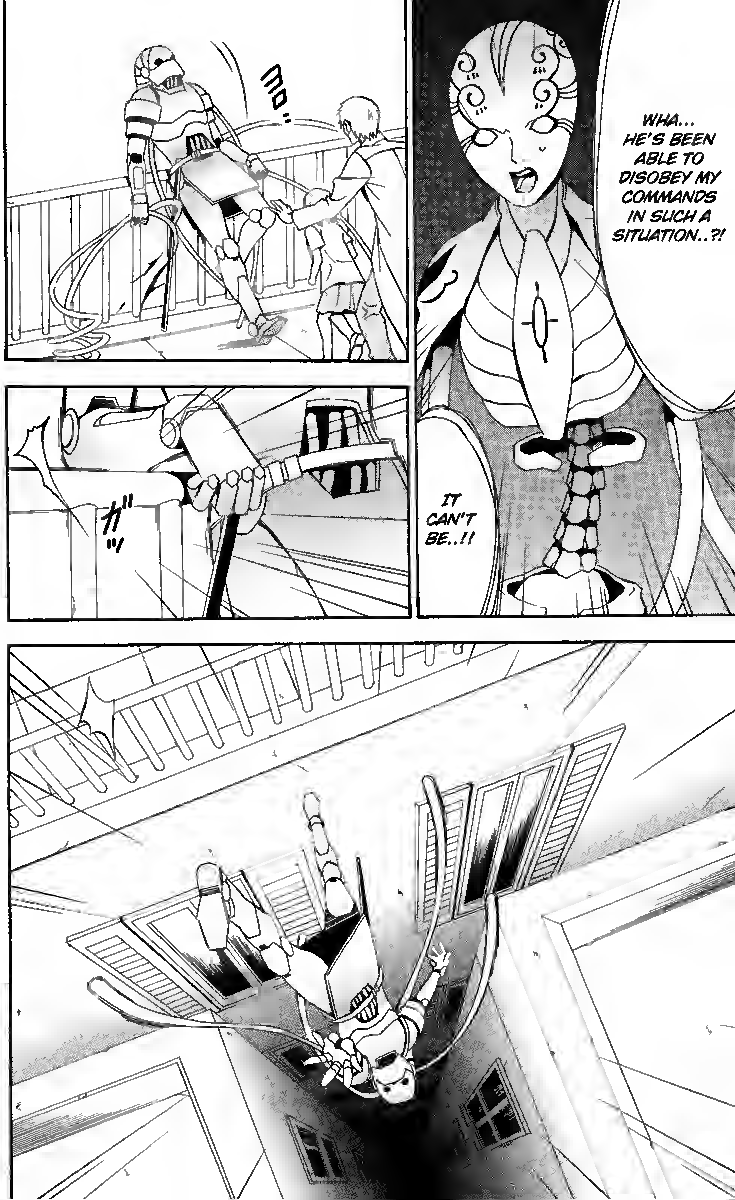
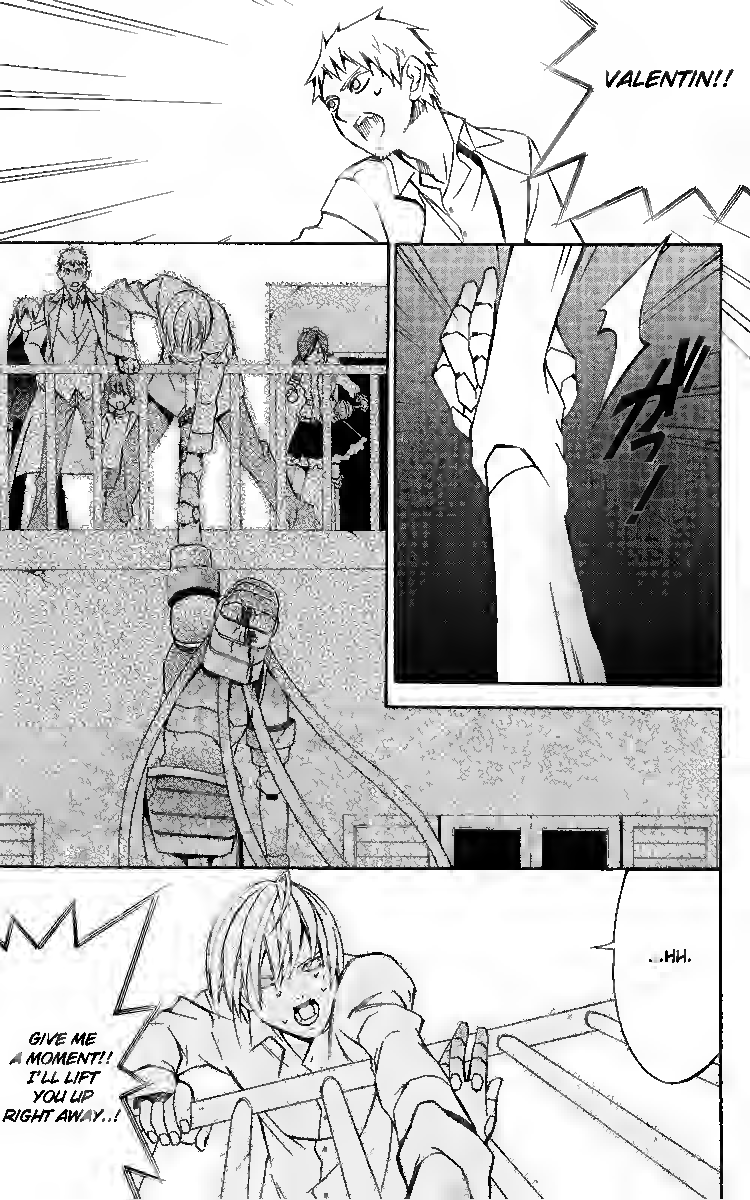
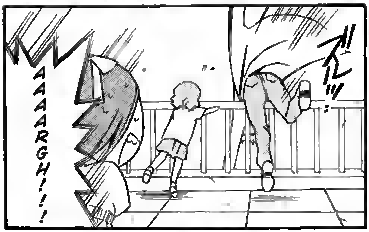

WHA... HE'S BEEN ABLE TO DISOBEY MY COMMANDS IN SUCH A SITUATION..?!
IT CAN'T BE..!!


VALENTIN!!
ガシッ!
...HH.
GIVE ME A MOMENT!! I'LL LIFT YOU UP RIGHT AWAY..!

AH...
BLAM
THANK Y...

UGH..!
EASIER SAID THAN DONE... HE WEIGHS A TON.
STRAIN

CRAP!!!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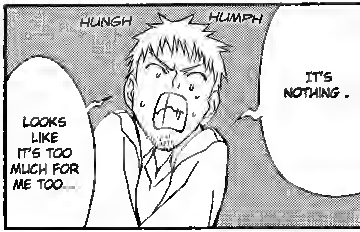
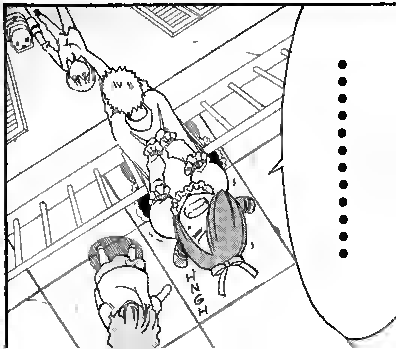

HUNGH
HUMPH
IT'S NOTHING.
LOOKS LIKE IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME TOO...

AH LALA..
WAI... THAT'S HEAVY!
LAKSHRI!!! DON'T JUST STAND THERE! COME LEND A HAND..!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THUD

AAAAH!
ぱん!
AAAH! DON'T LOOOOOK !!
...GIVEN WHAT YOU'RE WEARING UNDERNEATH, I DON'T SEE WHERE THE PROBLEM IS!! THAT SAID, I'M NOT TOO BIG IN THE STRENGTH DEPARTMENT..!!
THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD RESIST ME IN THAT SITUATION!
KH..!! I'LL TRY TO TAKE HIM OVER AGAIN..!!

...HH!
HGGGGGH
ヒュー!!
ワ!!
WHO IS IT ..?!!

MAOU...-
SAMA...?!!

WHY, MAOU-SAMA...
WHY DO YOU INTER-FERE ..?!
I THINK I'LL LOOK T HIM SOME MORE.
SHE'LL BE MY REPLACE-MENT, UNTIL I GET BACK
THEN I SHALL KILL THE HE
DO NOT! HE'S MINE TO KILL!
HAVE YOU BEEN LYING TO ME?!!

YEAAAAH!
START
YAAAAY!
IT'S THE ARMY!!
THE ARMY'S COMING OUT OF THE CASTLE!!
NOW OUR VICTORY IS COMPLETE!!
EVEN THE ARMY... NOW EVEN IF I TAKE OVER THE OTHER MONSTERS, I HAVE NO MORE WAY TO PREVAIL...
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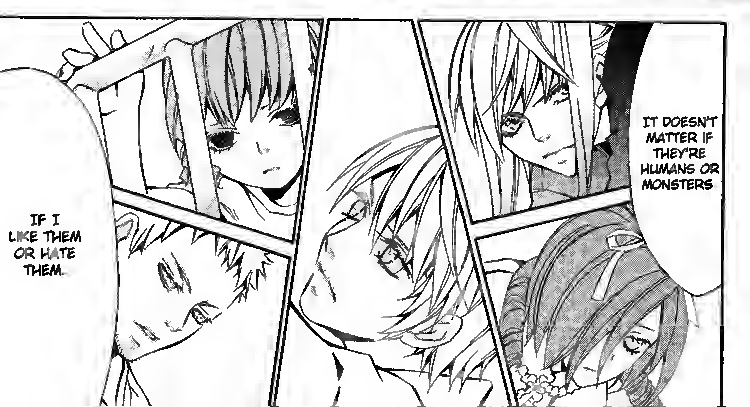
ANGELICA, CAN'T YOU WORK SOME KIND OF MAGIC TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD?
AH! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT!
PUMICE !!!
WE'RE SAVED...
WHY
WHY ARE YOU SAVING SOMEONE LIKE ME ?
THAT'S AN EASY ONE.

BECAUSE IT'D BE PAINFUL FOR EVERYONE TO SEE YOU DIE.


IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY'RE HUMANS OR MONSTERS
IF I LIKE THEM OR HATE THEM.

I DON'T WANNA SEE ANYONE DIE IN FRONT OF ME.
NOT ANYMORE

NO... THE DEMON LORD WOULD NEVER SAY SUCH THINGS...
IT'S STILL KINDA HEAVY
SHE DOES LOOK... LIKE THE DEMON LORD.
CHATTER
CHATTER
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? SAVE THEM..?
ARE WE SUPPOSED TO LET THIS ONE STAY NOW THAT WE'VE DRIVEN THE OTHERS OUT OF TOWN?
THERE ARE HUMANS TOO!! WHY ARE THEY RESCUING A MONSTER?!
HEY! THAT'S A MONSTER, INNIT?!

EVEN HERMAN WAS A MONSTER. AND WE CAN'T TRUST MONSTERS
WE MIGHT BE ATTACKED THE MOMENT WE LET OUR GUARD DOWN
.....
LET'S GO TO THE RESCUE! WE AREN'T HERE TO KILL MONSTERS BUT TO RECLAIM OUR CITY! A MONSTER WHO DOESN'T WANT TO FIGHT IS NO ENEMY OF OURS!
BUT WELL...
MAN OR MONSTER, LETTING PEOPLE DIE WITHOUT HELPING IS SOMETHING I CAN'T DO
I'M GOING
AH, YEAH... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
WE'VE GOT TO GO SAVE THE HERO!
.....
GUESS WE SHOULD GO LEND A HAND
THESE GUYS ARE AS STUPID AS EVER
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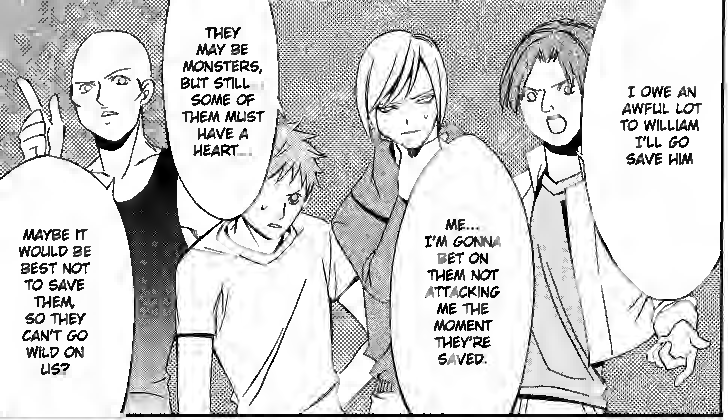
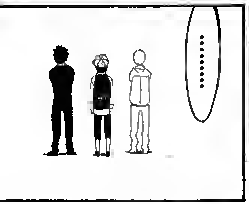

I OWE AN AWFUL LOT TO WILLIAM I'LL GO SAVE HIM
THEY MAY BE MONSTERS, BUT STILL SOME OF THEM MUST HAVE A HEART...
ME... I'M GONNA BET ON THEM NOT ATTACKING ME THE MOMENT THEY'RE SAVED.
MAYBE IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO SAVE THEM, SO THEY CAN'T GO WILD ON US?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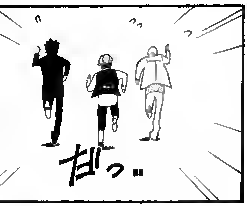
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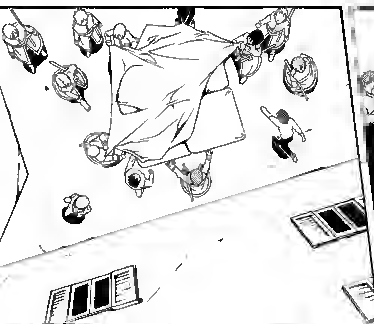
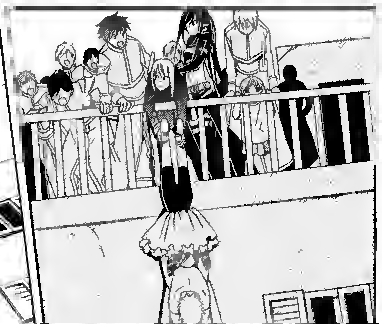
COME ON, EVERY-BODY!
LET'S GO SAVE THEM!!!

WHAT?
THERE ARE HUMANS OUT THERE TOO, AND THEY'RE SUSPENDED IN MIDAIR!





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LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE READY, DOWN THERE. I'LL LET GO OF YOUR HAND.
YEAH.
LET'S SEE YOU TRY AND ATTACK US
YE YEAH.
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VALENTIN!
THEY SAVED ME EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE AFRAID ..?

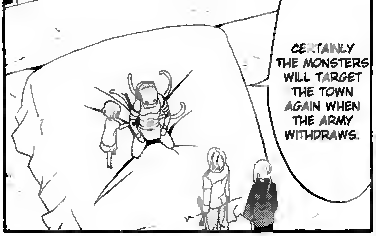
VALENTIN. THAT'S YOU, RIGHT..?
BROTHER...
.....
YES THAT'S RIGHT
I ENDED UP LIKE THIS BECAUSE OF MY INJURIES
I KNEW IT. JULIE'S POOR EYESIGHT GAVE HER AN EXTREMELY KEEN SENSE OF HEARING. SHE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN
I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALIVE.

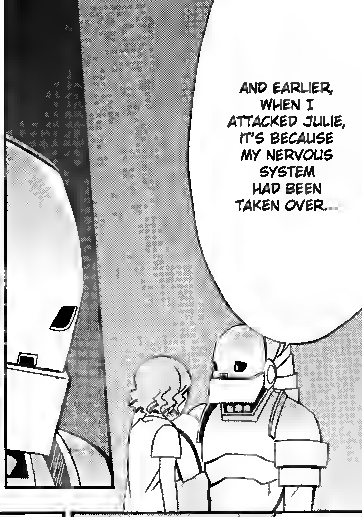
BRO-
THER...
WHY IS HE DRESSED UP
OH WELL. NEVERMIND
HE WASN'T A MON-STER, THEN!!
WILLIAM-SENSEI SAID SO? IT MUST BE TRUE
SER-IOUS-LY ...?!
VALENTIN IS ALIVE
VALENTIN!!
WELCOME BACK!

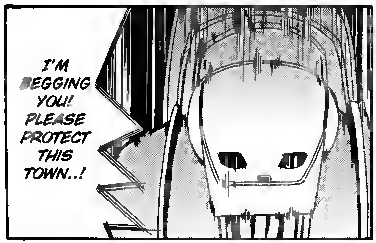
WHAT WAS I TRYING TO DO ?
THINKING I'D NEVER BE UNDERSTOOD UNDER THIS FORM, I EVEN TURNED SIDE THE HELPING HANDS THAT WERE EXTENDED TO ME
STUBBORNLY LIVING LONE...
WHAT KIND OF BLINDFOLD HAVE I BEEN LIVING WITH UNTIL NOW..?
BUT ON THE CONTRARY, THE VISION OF REALITY THAT NOW EXTENDS BEFORE ME IS ONE OF KINDNESS AND WARMTH...

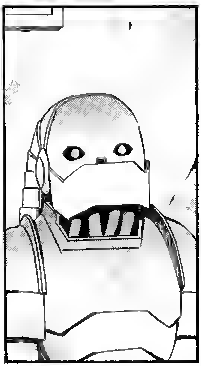
NO
VALENTIN... ARE YOU STILL PLANNING TO KILL ME...?
I NO LONGER WANT TO...
IN TRUTH, THERE IS NO STRONGER WILL THAN THE RESOLVE NOT TO KILL
THAT'S RIGHT. I THOUGHT THE MIND WAS NEVER STRONGER THAN WHEN IT HARBORED KILLING INTENT.
SOMETHING I'D LOST SIGHT OF IN MY KILLING INTENT...
THE WILL THAT COMES WITH SUCH SPLENDID RESULTS...

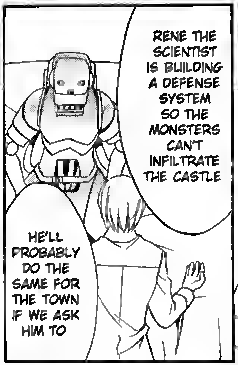
I'VE COMPLETELY LOST TO YOU, HERO...
WHA...
HERO I WANTED TO PROTECT THIS TOWN NO MATTER THE COST
WHEN I CHASED THE CITIZENS OUT OF TOWN, IT WAS BECAUSE I KNEW IF I DIDN'T, MORE MONSTERS WOULD BE SENT THERE

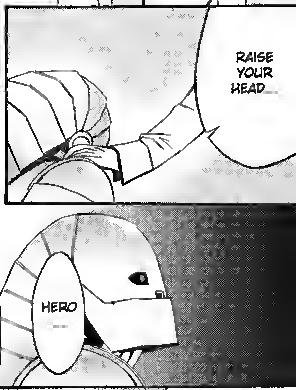

CERTAINLY THE MONSTERS WILL TARGET THE TOWN AGAIN WHEN THE ARMY WITHDRAWS.


AND EARLIER, WHEN I ATTACKED JULIE, IT'S BECAUSE MY NERVOUS SYSTEM HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER...


I'M BEGGING YOU!! PLEASE PROTECT THIS TOWN..!




RENE THE SCIENTIST IS BUILDING A DEFENSE SYSTEM SO THE MONSTERS CAN'T INFILTRATE THE CASTLE
HE'LL PROBABLY DO THE SAME FOR THE TOWN IF WE ASK HIM TO


RAISE YOUR HEAD...
HERO...

LET'S CREATE A SELF-DEFENSE GROUP AS WELL!

LET'S ALSO STATION SOME SOLDIERS HERE PERMA-NENTLY

Aaaa

YOU MUST STRIVE FOR HAPPINESS...
I THOUGHT I JUST DIDN'T QUALIFY FOR SUCH A THING.
BUT THE TRUTH IS, I WAS THE ONE PUSHING IT FARTHER AWAY

HAPPINESS....
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
I DON'T KNOW...

YOU'VE REALLY CHANGED, YOU HAVE...
COMPARED TO THE FIRST TIME I MET YOU, YOU'VE CHANGED A LOT
PAINFUL? HOW SO?
I WON'T LET ANYBODY BE KILLED IN FRONT OF ME ANYMORE
TO BE ABLE TO SAY SUCH THINGS
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO CHANGE, IN YOUR OWN WAY
YOU'RE STILL ONE BIG CRYBABY ALL THE SAME
WUT?!
ズガーン
THA... THAT'S NOT...
THAT'S NOT TRUE...
YES IT IS. YOU'RE ALWAYS CRYING, AREN'T YOU?
SHU.
SHU...

SHUT UP! IT'S YOUR FAULT!!
YOU DUMBASS!!
OUCH... MY FAULLLLT...?
HOW COME? I'M SORRY, ANYWAY...
BUT EVEN SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO HAD NO CALL TO HAPPINESS
TH, T'S RIGHT... IT'S YOUR FAULT, HERO...
...TAINTED IN BLOOD AS THEY ARE...
EVEN WITH MY HANDS

BUT YOU GAVE ME HAPPINESS...
AND I ALWAYS END UP CRYING IN CONFUSION ...

I TAKE IT... THE TIME STILL HASN'T COME
THE TIME TO KILL HER

MAOU...
-SAMA...!!

MAOU-SAMA I COME BEFORE YOU WITH A REQUEST
EH... I HATE THE GRIM AND FORMAL TURN THIS IS TAKING
KAGAMI... AM I TO UNDER-STAND THE TOWN IS UNDER CONTROL?
.....
IT'S ABOUT THE ORIGINAL MAOU.
THE ORIGINAL ..?!
I SHOULDN'T LAY A HAND UPON HER, IS IT? I GOT THAT. I HAVEN'T TOUCHED HER EVER SINCE...
THAT'S NOT MY POINT.

I REQUEST THAT YOU KILL THE ORIGINAL MAOU.
I'M BEGGING YOU
.....!

CAN YOU SEE THIS ?

BEAMING
OPERATION SUCCESSFUL !!
YOUR VISION IS PROBABLY STILL HAZY FOR THE MOMENT.
BUT GIVE IT SOME TIME, AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE JUST FINE
I'M BACK
IT'S ALSO THANKS TO VALENTIN, WHO RISKED HIS LIFE TO GET THE MONEY.

WHO ARE YOU ?!!
LOOK AT ME CAN'T YOU TELL?
EEH?! YOU'RE VALENTIN ALRIGHT, BUT WHAT HAPPENED ?!!
THE MEDIC WHO TOOK CARE OF ME IS SKILLED ENOUGH TO HEAL THAT WELL—
AND HE'S DONE A PRETTY GOOD JOB, TOO
IF THAT DOCTOR'S REALLY SO AWESOME, IT WOULD'VE BEEN BEST TO LEAVE JULIE TO HIM.
SADISM ...?
THE GUY IS SADISM INCARNATE IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SUCH A GOOD IDEA.
THE BILLS?!
ON TOP OF WHICH HE'S ANY-THING BUT CHEAP
WHY ARE THERE SO MANY ZEROOOES ?!
THAT'D BE THE FEE FOR THE HERO'S OPERATION

THAT'S AN EXTREMELY RARE BLOOD TYPE.
COULD THE HERO
.....
BE THE SAME AS ME..?

-CHAAAAAAN!
.....
SHEYLA-CHAN! IF YOU KEEP STANDING UP THERE AND SPACING OUT, WE'LL LEAVE WITHOUT YOU!
I FELL IN LOVE WITH THE HERO...
AND THAT WHICH CAME OUT OF IT...

MIGHT I CALL IT HAPPINESS ..?
WAIT FOR ME-NYAAAAA!

OR ELSE..?
SUPERIOR 9 END

TRANSLATION NOTES:

029
I CAN HEAR THE YAOI FANGIRLS SCREAMING...

039
THAT DOC IS A WALKING DEUS EX MACHINA.

052
YAOI FANGIRLS ARISE!!

D65
SENSEI IS A HONORIFIC FOR TEACHERS, ARTISTS, LAWYERS, AND MOST "INTELLECTUAL" PROFESSIONS.

100
UM... ARE WE SUPPOSED TO VILIFY HERMAN FOR HIS OBNOXIOUS (AND CARICATURAL) VILLAINY OR TO LAUGH AT VALENTIN'S FACE FOR BEING AN INCURABLE IDIOT?
OH, WAIT. I THINK I'LL DO BOTH!

128
FOR THE FEW NON-OTAKU/WEABOO OUT THERE WHO MIGHT NOT KNOW, "TSUNDERE" (ツンデレ) DESCRIBES A LOVE INTEREST (USUALLY FEMALE) WHO BEHAVES IN A DISTANT, WARY, OR EVEN HOSTILE WAY AT FIRST, AND THEN PROGRESSIVELY WARMS UP. ALTERNATIVELY, SOMEONE WHO MERELY ACTS UNFRIENDLY TO MASK THEIR GENUINE, ROMANTIC FEELINGS.

154
WAIT! A HERO WITH SUPER-STRENGTH CAN'T SUPPORT VALENTIN'S WEIGHT.
DRAMA NOTWITHSTANDING, HOW COME AN AVERAGE JOE CAN BEAR THAT LOAD PLUS THE HERO'S OWN WEIGHT ON TOP OF IT, EVEN FOR A SECOND?!!
OKAY, NOW THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS.

162
I'LL JUST QUOTE MY ENGLISH DICTIONARY:
PUMICE IS "A LIGHT GLASS FORMED ON THE SURFACE OF SOME LAVAS; USED AS AN ABRASIVE".

187
THE GESTURE VALENTIN IS MAKING SYMBOLIZES A COIN, AND IS THE EQUIVALENT OF THE WESTERN ACT OF QUICKLY RUBBING THE TIPS OF ONE'S FINGERS TOGETHER TO EVOKE BANK NOTES.

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